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Tornado Damage on August 13, 1999

Cover: On August 13, 1999 at 9:36 PM a tornado with estimated wind speeds of 112 mph smashed through the northeastern part of town. The storm damaged several buildings, ruined numerous ornamental trees and destroyed over 200 acres of timber. The storm's path crossed the following roadways as it traveled west to east: Porter, Ladieu, Willow Brook, Jenney, Cram Hill, Route 120 and Croydon Turnpike, Methodist Hill, and Harriman. Pictured on the front and back cover are large locust trees at the home of Douglas Carver, 263 Ladieu Road, that were blown over by the force of the storm.

Photos: Douglas Carver

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ANNUAL REPORT

1999

Reports of the Officers and Selectmen
and the
School District

Please bring this Report to the School District and Town Meetings.
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This year's annual report is dedicated in memory of Plainfield resident Edmund Wright, shown here leading our annual Fourth of July parade, a service he performed for eighteen years. Mr. Wright passed away on October 12, 1999.

Photo provided by Philip Read Library

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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

| Office | Name | Appt. Expires |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| MODERATOR | Stephen H. Taylor | 2000 |
| TOWN CLERK | Howard Zea | 2001 |
| SELECTMEN | Mark H. Wilder | 2002 |
| | Judith A. Belyea | 2001 |
| | Sheila M. Stone | 2000 |
| TREASURER | Fred Sweet | 2001 |
| TAX COLLECTOR | Ruth Ann Wheeler | 2001 |
| TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS | James Barnicle | 2002 |
| | Jesse Stalker | 2001 |
| | Donald Garfield | 2000 |
| TRUSTEES PR MEMORIAL LIBRARY | Nancy Franklin | 2002 |
| | Anita Brown | 2001 |
| | Alice Hendrick | 2000 |
| TRUSTEES MERIDEN LIBRARY | Rachel Stoddard | 2002 |
| | Elizabeth Beck | 2001 |
| | Joseph Crate | 2000 |
| AUDITORS | Ruth A. Stalker | |
| | Susan J. Timmons | |
| SUP. OF CHECK LIST | Nancy G. Baker | 2004 |
| | David W. Stockwell | 2002 |
| | Paul Franklin | 2000 |
| CEMETERY TRUSTEES | Beatrice Clark | 2002 |
| | Jesse Stalker | 2001 |
| | William C. Quimby | 2000 |

| Office | Name | Appt. Expires |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| REPRESENTATIVES | Peter Burling Constance Jones | |
| DEP. TAX COLLECTOR | Howard Zea | 2000 |
| DEP. TOWN CLERK | Ruth Ann Wheeler | 2000 |
| DEP. TREASURER | Douglas Cogan | 2000 |
| BALLOT CLERKS | Kathryn MacLeay Bette Stockwell Susan Timmons Diane Rogers Constance Zea | 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 |
| CEMETERY SEXTON | Howard Zea | |
| HEALTH OFFICER | David McBride | 2000 |
| ZONING ADMIN. | Stephen Halleran | 2000 |
| YIELD TAX AGENT | Judith A. Belyea | 2000 |
| WELFARE DIRECTOR | Nancy G. Baker | 2000 |
| CIVIL DEF. DIRECTOR | Gordon A. Gillens | 2000 |
| DEP. CIVIL DEF. DIR. | Nancy Baker | 2000 |
| PLANNING BOARD | Desmond Hudson Jane Stephenson, Chair Lynn Freeman Ruth Cassedy Ron Liston Greg Estey Julian Bellavance, alt Sheila Stone, ex officio | 2002 2001 2001 2001 2000 2000 2002 |
| ROAD AGENT | Kenneth Stocker | 2000 |
| TREE WARDEN | Kenneth Stocker | 2000 |
| ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT | Edward Moynihan Anne Sprague Richard Colburn, Chair Pricilla Eastman Mary Cassedy | 2002 2002 2001 2001 2000 |

| Office | Name | Appt. Expires |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| CONSERVATION COMMISSION | Jeff Marsh | 2002 |
| | Diane Rogers | 2002 |
| | Shelly Hadfield | 2002 |
| | David Grobe, Chair | 2001 |
| | James Taylor | 2001 |
| | Bruce Plummer, alt | |
| | Douglas Cogan, alt | |
| | Jeffrey Moffitt. alt | |
| | Judith Durant | Resigned |
| RECREATION | George Prescott, Chair | 2000 |
| | Murray Dewdney | 2000 |
| | Martin Morgan | 2000 |
| | James McCarragher | 2000 |
| | Winston Spencer, Jr. | 2000 |
| | Judy Ptak | 2000 |
| | Pam Lewis | 2000 |
| | Connie Adams-Brady | 2000 |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | Anne Grobe | 2000 |
| | James Taylor | 2000 |
| | Karen Aldrich | 2000 |
| | Cherrie Torrey | 2000 |
| | James Longacre | 2000 |
| | Stephanie Berman | 2000 |
| NH/VT SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REP. | Cherrie Torrey | 2000 |
| | Stephen Halleran, alt | 2000 |
| GUVSWD REP. | Shelly Hadfield | 2000 |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT | Gordon Gillens, Chief | |
| | Lawrence Dore, Sgt. | |
| | Anthony Bonnier | |
| | Thomas Truman, II | |
| | Paul Roberts | |
| | Michael J. Boutilier | |
| | Douglas Hackett | |
| | Anthony Swett | |
| | John Lawrence | |

| Name | Office |
|---|--|
| DOG OFFICER | Gordon Gillens |
| REPRESENTATIVE TO UVLSRPC | Stephen Halleran Diane Rogers |
| HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE | Suellen Leugers Harold Jones John Gregory-Davis Nina Seaman Stephen Halleran |
| MERIDEN FIRE CHIEF PLAIN. FIRE CHIEF FOREST FIRE WARDEN | David Best Douglas Plummer Peter Berry, Warden Douglas Plummer, Deputy John Conly, Deputy Christopher Berry, Deputy William Taylor, Deputy David Best, Deputy |
| PLAINFIELD/KUA STUDY COMMITTEE | Nancy Mogielnicki Paul Franklin Carlton Strong Scott MacLeay James Sheehan Stephen Halleran Robert Drye Ken Johnson D. Boone Rondeau Elizabeth Clifton Tim Knox/Hugh McGraw-KUA Admin. |
| PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL POLICY COMMITTEE | John Stephenson Beverly Widger Nancy Norwalk Pamela Abrahamson Mark Wilder Lee Lynd Alice Jordan Henry Ruppertsburger Maryellen Sullivan |

**WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, SS

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield, in said County of Sullivan, and said State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Tuesday, the 14th day of March next at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

[Polls will be open until 7:00 P.M.]

ARTICLE I To choose by ballot: One Selectman for three years; one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years; two Library Trustees for three years; one Cemetery Trustee for three years, and any other necessary Town Officers.

ARTICLE II To see what action the town will take with regard to the following questions on the Plainfield Zoning Ordinances, **said changes being recommended by the Planning Board.**

Question 1.

The purpose of this change is to clarify the types of structures that are to be considered "seasonal" as used in the Conservation Zoning District list of Special Exceptions.

To accomplish this goal the following changes to the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance are proposed:

- i) **Delete** the "Seasonal Residence" definition found on page 57 of the Zoning Ordinance which reads: Seasonal Residence: A structure used for recreation, camping or other occasional use which requires no town services.
- ii) **Add** the following definition in its place: Seasonal Structure: A wood framed and wood sided building, not more than two stories high with a total area of not more than 800 sq ft. Structure may not be served by off site generated electricity or be served by a drilled well or by an in the ground septic system. Concrete foundations or slabs are not allowed. The use of the building is restricted to camping or other occasional uses which require no town services.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Question 2.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

In recognizing the unique natural features the Connecticut River provides to Plainfield the Planning Board has adopted as an adjunct to the town's master plan the Connecticut River Joint Commissions' "River Corridor Management Plan" (RSA 483). As part of achieving the stated water quality and aesthetic goals of the River Corridor Management Plan the Planning Board is now proposing the creation of a Connecticut River Shoreland Conservation District. The purpose of the district is to provide an expanded review and regulatory process for activities proposed for land adjacent to the Connecticut River.

To create the district the following changes are proposed:

i) **Add**, to Schedule A of the Zoning Ordinance the following:

Connecticut River Shoreland Conservation Protection District (S):

I. The standards in this section are designed to minimize shoreland development and disturbance so as to protect the public waters.

A. Within the protected shoreland the following restrictions shall apply:

(a) All structures shall be set back at least 100 feet from the "reference line" as defined in "Definitions".

(b) The establishment or expansion of salt storage yards, automobile junk yards, solid waste facilities or hazardous waste facilities within 500 feet of the "reference line" is prohibited.

(c) A water dependent structure, meaning one which is a dock, wharf, pier, breakwater, or other similar structure, or any part thereof, built over, on, or in the waters of the state, shall be constructed only as approved, pursuant to RSA 482-A.

(d) No fertilizer, except limestone, shall be used within 100 feet of the "reference line."

(e) Placement and expansion of public water and sewage treatment facilities shall be permitted as necessary, consistent with the purposes of this chapter and other state law.

(f) Public utility lines and associated structures and facilities shall not be permitted within 100 feet of the "reference line".

B. The following minimum standards for forest management conducted in compliance with RSA 227-J:9 and not associated with land development or conversion, shall apply to the protected shoreland. Forestry involving water supply reservoir watershed management, or agriculture conducted in accordance with best management practices, shall be exempted from the provisions of this chapter:

(a) **NATURAL WOODLAND BUFFER.**

(1) Where existing, a natural woodland buffer shall be maintained within 150 feet of the reference line. The purpose of this buffer shall be to protect the quality of public waters by minimizing erosion, preventing siltation and turbidity, stabilizing soils, preventing excess nutrients and chemical pollution, maintaining natural water temperatures, maintaining a healthy tree canopy and understory, preserving fish and wildlife habitat, and respecting the overall natural condition of the protected shoreland.

(2) Within the natural woodland buffer of the protected shoreland the following prohibitions and limitations shall apply:

Not more than a maximum of 50 percent of the basal area of trees, and a maximum of 50 percent of the total number of saplings shall be removed for any purpose in a 20-year period. A healthy, well-distributed stand of trees, saplings, shrubs and ground covers and their living, undamaged root systems shall be left in place. Replacement planting with native or naturalized species may be permitted to maintain the 50 percent level.

ii) add the following term to the definition section of the zoning ordinance:

REFERENCE LINE: means the ordinary high water mark of the river

☐ YES ☐ NO

You are further notified to meet at the Plainfield School gymnasium on Saturday, the 18th of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE III To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,114,901 to defray town charges for the 2000 fiscal year. The Selectmen propose the following budget:

| | | |
|--|--------------|----------|
| 1. Executive | | \$88,434 |
| 2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics | | 18,700 |
| 3. Financial Administration | | 32,870 |
| 4. Revaluation of Property | | 6,000 |
| 5. Legal Expenses | | 5,317 |
| 6. Personnel Administration | | 9,550 |
| 7. Planning and Zoning | | 1,800 |
| 8. General Government Buildings | | 5,060 |
| 9. Cemeteries | | 16,100 |
| 10. Insurance | | 31,590 |
| 11. Regional Associations | | 3,100 |
| 12. Police Department | | 111,935 |
| 13. Ambulance Service | | 19,474 |
| 14. Fire Departments | -Plainfield | 35,000 |
| | -Meriden | 35,000 |
| 15. Building Inspection | | 6,600 |
| 16. Emergency Management | | 200 |
| 17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense | | 3,950 |
| 18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance | | 13,000 |
| 19. Highway Administration | | 15,550 |
| 20. Highways and Streets | | 336,400 |
| 21. Road Projects | | 88,736 |
| 22. Street Lights | | 7,000 |
| 23. Solid Waste Collection | | 64,000 |
| 24. Solid Waste Disposal | | 64,535 |
| 25. Health Agencies | | 13,520 |
| 26. Animal Control | | 500 |
| 27. Welfare | | 5,000 |
| 28. Recreation Commission | | 13,391 |
| 29. Libraries | - Plainfield | 25,407 |
| | - Meriden | 23,412 |
| 30. Patriotic | | 750 |

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| 31. Conservation Commission | 2,100 |
| 32. Principal of Long-term debt | 5,000 |
| 33. Interest Expense: Long-term debt | 1,220 |
| 34. Interest Expense: Tax Anticipation Notes | 200 |
| 35. School Bus Fuel | 4,500 |
| Total: | \$1,114,901 |

This budget is exclusive of other special warrant articles.
The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE IV To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be placed in existing town capital reserve funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1, as follows:

| | |
|----------|---|
| \$10,000 | Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994. |
| \$10,000 | Revaluation Fund created in 1993. |
| \$10,000 | Police Cruiser Fund created in 1990. |
| \$45,000 | Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987. |

The selectmen are named agents to expend for the bridge fund.
The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE V To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000 to be placed in the town's general trust funds established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, as follows:

| | |
|---------|---|
| \$5,000 | Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996. |
| \$2,500 | Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992. |
| \$6,500 | Cemetery Fund established in 1991. |

The selectmen are named agents to expend for the town hall repair fund and the library building repair fund. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE VI To see if the town will vote to name the Trustees of Trust Funds as agents to expend for the Cemetery General Trust Fund established in 1991, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a.

ARTICLE VII To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to be used by the Conservation Commission to repair damage from the 1999 tornado at the Benson Forest. Further to withdraw said sum from the Forest Maintenance Fund established in 1992 pursuant to RSA 31:113 (per the

request of the Conservation Commission). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE VIII To see if the town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to RSA 35:1-c said fund to be named the Plainfield History Fund. The purpose of the fund being to defer future expenses of updating/revisions of the town's history book Choice White Pines and Good Lands, published in 1991. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 into this fund. This sum to come from the town's unreserved fund balance, no amount to be raised from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE IX To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the existing capital reserve fund, created in 1997, known as the Philip Read Memorial Library Expansion Fund, pursuant to RSA 35:1. This article is by request of the Philip Read Memorial Library Trustees. The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE X To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell up to fifteen (15) "deacon style" wooden benches that are owned by the town, but not currently in use.

ARTICLE XI To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract for not more than three years for the curbside collection of household rubbish and selected recyclables. The purpose being to continue the existing waste management programs that have been in place since 1991.

ARTICLE XII To see if the town will vote to increase the real estate exemption on dormitories, dining rooms, and kitchens of Kimball Union Academy above the required \$150,000 as allowed in RSA 72:23, to one hundred (100) percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion. By request of the KUA study committee.

ARTICLE XIII To see if the town will direct the selectmen to appoint within 60 days of town meeting a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA administration at least quarterly, and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, including any agreement pursuant to RSA 72:23, and to report its findings at next March's annual town meeting.

ARTICLE XIV To see if the town will vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield residents to advise the selectmen, and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town.

ARTICLE XV To see if the town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General court: Resolved, New Hampshire's natural, cultural and historic resources in this town and throughout the state are worthy of protection and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should establish and fund a permanent public/private partnership for the voluntary conservation of these important resources (by request of the Historical Society).

ARTICLE XVI To see what action the town will take with respect to reports of town officers.

ARTICLE XVII To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JUDITH A. BELYEA

MARK H. WILDER

SHEILA M. STONE

SELECTMEN OF PLAINFIELD

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue
January 1st 2000 to December 31st 2000

| EXPENDITURES Item | 1999 Approved | 1999 Expenditures | 2000 Request |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | |
| Executive | \$85,290 | \$84,907 | \$88,434 |
| Election/Registration | \$15,750 | \$14,979 | \$18,700 |
| Financial Administration | \$28,670 | \$30,989 | \$32,870 |
| Revaluation of Property | \$8,000 | \$8,413 | \$6,000 |
| Legal Expense | \$5,500 | \$6,578 | \$5,317 |
| Personnel Administration | \$8,850 | \$10,155 | \$9,550 |
| Planning and Zoning | \$1,800 | \$1,651 | \$1,800 |
| General Government Buildings | \$6,325 | \$4,507 | \$5,060 |
| Cemeteries | \$14,000 | \$14,213 | \$16,100 |
| Insurances | \$33,090 | \$31,508 | \$31,590 |
| Regional Associations | \$3,100 | \$3,058 | \$3,100 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | | | |
| Police | \$107,047 | \$105,729 | \$111,935 |
| Ambulance | \$19,474 | \$19,474 | \$19,474 |
| Fire-Plainfield | \$35,000 | \$35,000 | \$35,000 |
| Fire-Meriden | \$35,000 | \$35,000 | \$35,000 |
| Building Inspection | \$4,100 | \$5,973 | \$6,600 |
| Emergency Management | \$200 | \$0 | \$200 |
| Forest Fire Suppression | \$3,950 | \$4,696 | \$3,950 |
| Dispatch Service | \$11,511 | \$16,328 | \$13,000 |
| HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES | | | |
| Highway Administration | \$16,050 | \$16,152 | \$15,550 |
| Highway and Streets | \$327,606 | \$314,076 | \$336,400 |
| Road Projects | \$82,556 | \$82,556 | \$88,736 |
| Street Lights | \$7,000 | \$6,404 | \$7,000 |
| SANITATION | | | |
| Solid Waste Collection | \$60,348 | \$60,461 | \$64,000 |
| Solid Waste Disposal | \$58,774 | \$56,819 | \$64,535 |
| Health | | | |
| Health Department | \$13,520 | \$12,920 | \$13,520 |
| Animal Control | \$500 | \$392 | \$500 |
| WELFARE | | | |
| General Assistance | \$5,000 | \$3,179 | \$5,000 |
| CULTURE AND RECREATION | | | |
| Recreation Commission | \$9,551 | \$9,684 | \$13,391 |
| Library-Plainfield | \$23,843 | \$23,843 | \$25,407 |
| Library-Meriden | \$22,641 | \$22,641 | \$23,412 |
| Patriotic Purposes | \$750 | \$529 | \$750 |
| Conservation Commission | \$2,100 | \$2,100 | \$2,100 |
| DEBT SERVICE | | | |
| Principal Long-term debt | \$48,500 | \$48,500 | \$5,000 |
| Interest Long-term debt | \$4,005 | \$4,004 | \$1,220 |
| Interest T.A.N Notes | \$500 | \$0 | \$200 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | |
| School Bus Fuel | \$5,000 | \$4,517 | \$4,500 |
| TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET | \$1,114,901 | \$1,101,932 | \$1,114,901 |

| EXPENDITURES Item | 1999 Approved | 1999 Expenditures | 2000 Request |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| CAPITAL OUTLAY | | | |
| Hwy Equipment Reserve Fund | \$45,000 | \$45,000 | \$45,000 |
| Police Cruiser Replacement | \$19,500 | \$19,239 | \$0 |
| Police Cruiser Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$10,000 |
| Bridge Fund | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| Revaluation Fund | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| Town Hall Repair Fund | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Library Repair Fund | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 |
| Cemetery Trust Fund | \$7,000 | \$7,000 | \$6,500 |
| Town Office Copier | \$2,400 | \$2,399 | \$0 |
| Forest Management Plan | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$0 |
| Benson Forest | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,500 |
| History Book Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$7,000 |
| Plainfield Library Exp. Fund | \$25,000 | \$25,000 | (see below) |
| TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY | \$127,400 | \$127,138 | \$100,500 |
| GROSS EXPENDITURES | \$1,242,301 | \$1,229,070 | \$1,215,401 |
| REVENUES | | | |
| Item | 1999 Anticipated | 1999 Received | 2000 Anticipated |
| TAXES | | | |
| Land Use Change Tax | \$7,000.00 | \$950 | \$7,000.00 |
| Yield Taxes | \$25,000.00 | \$40,257 | \$30,000.00 |
| Interest & Penalties | \$40,000.00 | \$38,093 | \$40,000.00 |
| Excavations | \$5,000.00 | \$3,303 | \$5,000.00 |
| LICENSES AND PERMITS | | | |
| Licenses & Fees | \$5,000.00 | \$1,785 | \$2,000.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Registrations | \$280,000.00 | \$305,533 | \$315,000.00 |
| Dog Licenses | \$5,000.00 | \$2,378 | \$3,000.00 |
| STATE REVENUE | | | |
| Shared Revenue (town portion) | \$56,479.00 | \$66,614 | \$56,479.00 |
| Highway Block Grant | \$82,557.00 | \$82,556 | \$88,736.00 |
| State Reimbursements | \$14,171.00 | \$13,400 | \$2,000.00 |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICE | | | |
| Income from Departments | \$35,000.00 | \$29,773 | \$30,000.00 |
| Reimbursements | \$26,200.00 | \$25,516 | \$26,200.00 |
| Trash User Fee | \$50,000.00 | \$55,258 | \$55,000.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE | | | |
| Sale of Town Property | \$1,000.00 | \$2,025 | \$2,000.00 |
| Interest on Deposits | \$35,000.00 | \$41,313 | \$35,000.00 |
| Other | \$5,000.00 | \$5,952 | \$5,000.00 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | | | |
| Income from Trust Funds | \$11,000.00 | \$9,147 | \$11,000.00 |
| Withdrawals from Reserves | \$11,200.00 | \$12,360 | \$11,500.00 |
| Payments in Lieu of Taxes | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$695,607 | \$737,213 | \$725,915 |
| RECOMMENDED | | | |
| NET APPROPRIATION | \$546,694 | \$491,857 | \$489,486 |
| ARTICLES NOT RECOMMENDED | | | |
| Library Expansion Fund | | | \$25,000.00 |
| NET APPROPRIATION | \$546,694 | \$491,857 | \$514,486.00 |

TOWN MEETING

1999

The following is taken from the 1999 annual meeting minutes recorded by Town Clerk Howard Zea. For additional details, please refer to the actual minutes on file with the Town Clerk.

MARCH 9, 1999

PLAINFIELD, N.H.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield, in the county of Sullivan, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs, held in the Plainfield School gymnasium on Tuesday the ninth of March at ten of the clock in the forenoon, the business of the day was disposed of in the following manner:

The meeting was called to order by Stephen H. Taylor, Moderator. All the requirements for the opening of town meeting having been met, the polls were opened.

| | |
|--|-------|
| Total number of names on the checklist | 1,267 |
| Number of names added at the meeting | 5 |
| Total number of ballots cast | 213 |
| Total number of absentee ballots cast | 5 |
| Percent voting | 17 |

ARTICLE I

Selectman for three years

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-------|
| Mark H. Wilder | had | 185 | votes |
| write in votes | | | |
| Clint Swift | | 2 | |
| twelve others received a single vote | | | |
| (on scattered votes see official minutes for names) | | | |

Mark H. Wilder was declared elected.

Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| James Barnicle | had | 208 | votes |
| write in votes | | | |
| Gardiner MacLeay | | 1 | |
| Howard Zea | | 1 | |

James Barnicle was declared elected.

Library Trustee for three years, west side of town

| | | |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Nancy Franklin | had | 186 votes |
| write in votes | | |
| eleven | received a single vote | |

Nancy Franklin was declared elected.

Library Trustee for three years, east side of town

| | | |
|-----------------|-----|-----------|
| Rachel Stoddard | had | 204 votes |
| write in votes | | |
| Gene Hewes | | 1 |

Rachel Stoddard was declared elected.

Auditor for two years

| | | |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Susan Timmons | had | 205 votes |
| write in votes | | |
| three | received a single vote | |

Susan Timmons was declared elected.

Cemetery Trustee for three years

| | | |
|-----------------|-----|-----------|
| Beatrice Clark | had | 210 votes |
| write in votes | | |
| Thomas McNamara | | 1 |
| William Taylor | | 1 |

Beatrice Clark was declared elected.

ARTICLE II To see what action the town will take with regard to the following questions on the Plainfield Zoning Ordinances, **said changes being recommended by the Planning Board.**

Question 1.

The purpose of this change is to regulate the placement, design, construction and modifications of wireless communication facilities (WCFs) so as to protect the town's historic, cultural, natural, and aesthetic resources.

To accomplish this goal the following changes to the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance are proposed:

- i) **Amend** the title of special exception #14 **Public Utility** to read **#14 Public Utility and/or Wireless Communication Facility (WCF), publicly or privately owned.**
- ii) **Add** special exception #14, as amended, to the list of available special exceptions in the Rural Conservation I zoning district.
- iii) **Add** the following language to the zoning ordinance:

3.15 WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES (INCLUDING PUBLIC TELEVISION BROADCASTING)

No building permit for a wireless communication facility (WCF) shall be issued without the project first having been granted a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment and a site plan review by the Planning Board. However, WCFs that involve the use of existing structures, including towers, are not required to go through the site plan review process if the applicant can demonstrate that the project has little, if any, impact. Any proposed WCF that stands more than 3' above the top of an existing structure or tower or will be illuminated in any way shall be *deemed to have an impact and will be* required to go through the site plan review process.

Since the visual impact of WCFs can transcend town lines, communities that may be visually affected shall be formally notified of applications for WCF as projects having regional impact.

Permitted Zones: WCFs are permitted, by special exception, in the Village Residential, Rural Residential, and Rural Conservation I Zoning Districts.

Prohibited Zones: WCFs are not permitted in the Rural Conservation II and Conservation Zoning Districts.

Co-location: Whenever feasible WCFs shall be located on existing structures provided that such installation preserves the character and integrity of those structures. In particular, applicants are encouraged to consider use of existing telephone and electric utility structures. The applicant shall have the burden of proving that there are no feasible existing structures upon which to locate.

Scenic Vistas: WCFs shall not be located within open areas that are visible from public roads, recreational areas or residential development, or any area designated as a scenic vista in the town's Master Plan. Any WCF that is to be located within 300 feet of a scenic vista, scenic landscape or scenic road as designated by the town, shall not exceed the height of vegetation at the proposed location.

Standards to be met: In addition to evidence of conformance to all the general performance standards found in section 5.7II of this ordinance, proposals for WCFs must satisfy all of the following:

- a) **Setback-** To insure the safety of the general public, the property line setback for any new WCF that exceeds 35' in height (measured from the lowest point that the facility meets the earth to the highest point on the WCF) shall be a distance equal to 110% of the height of the WCF.
- b) **Height-** Regardless of the type of mount, WCFs shall not be higher than 10' above the average tree canopy height measured from ground level. Towers and tower related fixtures may not exceed 10' above the average height of the tree line within 100 feet of the base of the tower.
- c) **Lighting-** No lighting shall be permitted on towers except as may be specifically required by another governmental agency with jurisdiction, or where deemed necessary by the Zoning Board.
- d) **Visual Analysis-** All WCF proposals must include a written plan for minimizing the visual impact of the tower and related tower fixtures. Construction materials, colors, and landscaping shall all be addressed. A determination that the visual impact of the tower is significant and adversely impacts the character of the neighborhood shall be grounds to deny the application.
- e) **Co-location Agreement:** The applicant shall submit an agreement to the town that maximizes the possibility of future co-location upon the new structure.
- f) **Test:** Unless specifically waived by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, all applicants for WCFs will be required to raise a three foot diameter

balloon for a period of three days at the maximum height of the proposed facility within 50' of the actual WCF location. Dates of test will be set by mutual agreement of the applicant and zoning board. A visual simulation of how the tower will look in its surroundings may be used at the discretion of the Zoning Board in lieu of the balloon test.

- g) **Decommissioning:** All proposals for WCFs will include provisions to insure that once the facility is no longer in use it will be completely removed from the site within ninety (90) days. The landowner shall be responsible for and guarantee the tower removal. The zoning board may require the applicant to post a bond to cover the decommissioning of the tower. Approvals shall run with and place a burden upon the land which is enforceable by the town.

Application Requirements: All applications for WCFs shall include the following items:

- a. Names and addresses of the owners of the property where the WCF is proposed
- b. Abutter list
- c. Written description of the project
- d. To-scale site map of the property and proposed facility including topography, elevations, access roads and accessory structures
- e. An inventory of all existing and proposed WCFs within 20 miles of the site
- f. Average height of vegetation within 100' of the proposed facility
- g. Visual analysis
- h. Proposed dates for the balloon test
- i. Decommissioning plan
- j. Proposed co-location agreement

- iv) **Add** the following to the article VIII Definitions:

Wireless Communication Facility: A tower, pole, antenna, guy wire, or related fixture intended for use in connection with transmission or receipt of radio or television signals or any other electromagnetic spectrum based transmission/reception. In addition, any project for which a license is sought or has been granted by the FCC shall be considered a Wireless Communication Facility.

Question 2.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

To avoid possible confusion about intent, the following administrative change is proposed.

Amend building provision #9 which reads:

Construction:

- *All stick built construction shall conform to the standards recommended in the 1996 BOCA basic building code and N.F.P.A. Life Safety Code 101.
- *All modular buildings will be required to demonstrate compliance with RSA 205-C:2.
- *All manufactured housing units moved into Plainfield after April 1st 1998 must have been manufactured after June 15, 1976. Evidence of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) certification of code compliance is required.

to read:

Construction: New construction shall conform to the standards recommended in the 1996 BOCA National Building code and N.F.P.A. Life Safety Code 101. Exceptions to this standard shall be as follows:

- *All modular buildings will be required to demonstrate compliance with RSA 205-C:2.
- *All manufactured housing units moved into Plainfield after April 1st 1998 must have been manufactured after June 15, 1976. Evidence of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) certification of code compliance is required.

187 YES 25 NO

Question 3.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Because RSA 674:16 has recently been amended to permit private aircraft take offs and landings as permitted accessory uses unless specifically regulated within a zoning ordinance, the Planning Board is proposing the following

changes:

Add to the schedule A list of available Special Exceptions for the Village Residential, Rural Residential, Rural Conservation I, and Rural Conservation II the following:

#22. Aircraft Take Offs and Landings

Add the following language to the Zoning Ordinance

Section 3.15 AIRCRAFT TAKE OFFS AND LANDINGS: As outlined in RSA 674:16 V private aircraft take offs and landings and the construction of related facilities shall require a special exception in the Village Residential, Rural Residential, Rural Conservation I and Rural Conservation II Zoning Districts. Such take offs and landings, along with related facilities shall not be permitted either as an accessory use or by special exception in the Conservation Zoning District.

175 YES 38 NO

The moderator declared all questions to be in the affirmative and were so declared.

A motion was then made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative to recess the meeting until Saturday March 13, 1999 at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

SATURDAY MARCH 13, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by the Moderator Stephen H. Taylor. The salute to the flag was given.

ARTICLE III The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,114,901 to defray town charges for the 1999 fiscal year.

Paper ballot used. 127 YES 5 NO

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator, therefore the following budget was adopted:

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. Executive | 85,290 |
| 2. Election/Registration/Vital Statistics | 15,750 |
| 3. Financial Administration | 28,670 |
| 4. Revaluation of Property | 8,000 |
| 5. Legal Expenses | 5,500 |
| 6. Personnel Administration | 8,850 |
| 7. Planning and Zoning | 1,800 |
| 8. General Government Buildings | 6,325 |
| 9. Cemeteries | 14,000 |
| 10. Insurance | 33,090 |
| 11. Regional Associations | 3,100 |
| 12. Police Department | 107,047 |
| 13. Ambulance Service | 19,474 |
| 14. Fire Departments | -Plainfield 35,000 |
| | -Meriden 35,000 |
| 15. Building Inspection | 4,100 |
| 16. Emergency Management | 200 |
| 17. Hydrant & Forest Fire Expense | 3,950 |
| 18. Dispatching for Fire, Police & Ambulance | 11,511 |
| 19. Highway Administration | 16,050 |
| 20. Highways and Streets | 327,606 |
| 21. Road Projects | 82,556 |
| 22. Street Lights | 7,000 |
| 23. Solid Waste Collection | 60,348 |
| 24. Solid Waste Disposal | 58,774 |
| 25. Health Agencies | 13,520 |
| 26. Animal Control | 500 |
| 27. Welfare | 5,000 |

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| 28. Recreation Commission | 9,551 |
| 29. Libraries | - Plainfield 23,843 |
| | - Meriden 22,641 |
| 30. Patriotic | 750 |
| 31. Conservation Commission | 2,100 |
| 32. Principal of Long-term debt | 48,500 |
| 33. Interest Expense: Long-term debt | 4,005 |
| 34. Interest Expense: Tax Anticipation Notes | 500 |
| 35. School Bus Fuel | 5,000 |
| Total | \$1,114,901 |

ARTICLE IV It was moved and seconded that article 4 be indefinitely postponed. Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE V The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,500 for the purchase of a new police cruiser, and to further authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the sum of \$11,181 and accrued interest to date of withdrawal, from the Capital Reserve Police Cruiser Fund established pursuant to RSA 35:1 for this purpose. Further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or trade the existing 1995 police cruiser.

Paper ballot used. 121 Yes 12 No

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE VI The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the purchase of a new copy machine for the town office, and further to authorize the Selectmen to sell or trade the existing copy machine.

Paper ballot used. 130 Yes 5 No

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE VII The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be placed in existing town capital reserve funds, pursuant to RSA 35:1, as follows:

\$10,000 Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.

\$10,000 Revaluation Fund created in 1993.

\$45,000 Highway Vehicles Fund created in 1987.

The selectmen are named agents to expend for the bridge fund.

Paper ballot used. 105 Yes 31 No

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

At this time the Plainfield School Chorus led the body in the singing of the official state song "Old New Hampshire"

ARTICLE VIII The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$14,500** to be placed in the town's general trust funds established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, as follows:

\$5,000 Town Hall Repair Fund established in 1996.

\$2,500 Library Building Repair Fund established in 1992.

\$7,000 Cemetery Fund established in 1991.

The selectmen are named agents to expend for the town hall fund and the library building fund.

Paper ballot used 123 Yes 10 No

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE IX The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to be placed in the existing capital reserve fund, created in 1997, known as the Philip Read Memorial Library Expansion Fund, pursuant to RSA 35:1. This article is by request of the Philip Read Memorial Library Trustees.

After much debate the question was called.

Paper Ballot used 85 Yes 58 No

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE X The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** to be used by the conservation commission to develop a forestry management plan for the Farnum Lot Town Forest. Further to withdraw said sum from the forestry maintenance fund established in 1998 pursuant to RSA 31:113. Article by request of the Conservation Commission.

Paper ballot used 104 Yes 10 No

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XI The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the town vote to authorize starting with fiscal year 1999 that fifty percent of the revenues collected from current use change tax penalties, pursuant to RSA 79-A, be deposited into the Conservation Fund established pursuant to RSA 36A:5. By request of the Conservation Commission.

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XII The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the town vote pursuant to RSA 659:4-a to move toward changing the polling hours in the Town of Plainfield. Polling hours in the Town of Plainfield are now 8:00am to 7:00pm. Shall we place a question on the state election ballot to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 10:00am and close at 7:00pm for all regular state elections beginning with the year 2002.

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XIII The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the town vote to increase the real estate exemption on dormitories, dining rooms, and kitchens of Kimball Union Academy above the required \$150,000 as allowed in RSA 72:23, to 65 percent of the assessed value of property over which the town has statutory discretion. Paper ballot used. 63 Yes 63 No

The Moderator ruled that a tie vote is a negative vote and was so declared. A motion was made and seconded to reconsider the action taken under Article XIII.

Paper ballot used. 61 No 61 No

The motion to reconsider was lost.

ARTICLE XIV The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the town direct the selectmen to appoint within 60 days of town meeting a committee to continue the KUA/Plainfield study. The charge to this committee shall be to meet with representatives of the KUA administration at least quarterly, and maintain an ongoing review of the relationship between the academy and the town, including the agreement pursuant to RSA 72:23, and to report its findings at next March's annual town meeting.

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XV The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the town vote to instruct the moderator to appoint a finance committee (advisory only) of six Plainfield residents to advise the selectmen, and other officers of the town in the prudential affairs of the town.

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XVI The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: That the town vote to accept the reports of officers as they appear in the 1998 annual report subject to any corrections. A certified copy of the report to be filed with the Town Clerk.

Voted in the affirmative and it was so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE XVII The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted. Resolved: The Board of Selectmen wish to thank Gardiner and Kay MacLeay for their efforts over the past two years to have the Meriden Town Hall placed on the National Register of Historical Places. The building was officially awarded this designation on 12-30-1998. Hardy applause was given to the MacLeays for their efforts.

Thanks was extended to Chairman David Grobe for his many hours spent on behalf of the Conservation Committee.

The meeting was voted adjourned at 2:00pm. Before the adjournment the following came forward and were sworn into office by the Moderator.

James Barnicle-Trust Fund Trustee, Mark Wilder-Selectman, Beatrice Clark-Cemetery Trustee, Nancy Franklin-Library Trustee.

Howard Zea, Town Clerk, Plainfield, N.H.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Executive | \$ 85,290 |
| Election, Registration & Vital Statistics | 15,750 |
| Financial Administration | 28,670 |
| Revaluation of Property | 8,000 |
| Legal Expense | 5,500 |
| Personnel Administration | 8,850 |
| Planning and Zoning | 1,800 |
| General Government Buildings | .6,325 |
| Cemeteries | 14,000 |
| Insurances | 33,090 |
| Advertising and Regional Expense | 3,100 |

PUBLIC SAFETY

| | |
|--|---------|
| Police Department | 107,047 |
| Ambulance | 19,974 |
| Fire Protection | 70,000 |
| Dispatching/Emergency Management | 11,711 |
| Hydrant Rent and Forest Fire Expense | 3,950 |
| Building Inspection | 4,100 |

HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES

| | |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Highways and Streets | 343,656 |
| Road Projects | 82,556 |
| Street Lights | 7,000 |
| School Bus Fuel | 5,000 |

SANITATION

| | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Garbage Collection | 60,348 |
| Solid Waste Disposal | 58,774 |

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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|-------------------------|--------|
| Health Department | 14,020 |
|-------------------------|--------|

WELFARE

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Welfare Department | 5,000 |
|--------------------------|-------|

CULTURE AND RECREATION

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Recreation Commission | 9,551 |
| Libraries | 46,484 |
| Patriotic | 750 |
| Conservation Commission | 2,100 |

DEBT SERVICE

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Principal on Long-term debts | 48,500 |
| Interest | 4,005 |
| Tax Anticipation Interest | 500 |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL | \$1,114,901 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

CAPITAL PURCHASES

| | |
|--|----------|
| Article V Police Cruiser | \$19,500 |
| Article VII Copier | 2,400 |
| Article X Forestry Management Plan | 1,000 |

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

| | |
|--|--------|
| Article VII Highway Vehicle Fund | 45,000 |
| Article VII Bridge Fund | 10,000 |
| Article VII Revaluation Fund | 10,000 |
| Article IX Plainfield Library Expansion Fund | 25,000 |

OPERATING TRANSFERS TO TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS

| | |
|--|-------|
| Article VIII Town Hall Repair Fund | 5,000 |
| Article VIII Library Repair Fund | 2,500 |
| Article VIII Cemetery Trust Fund | 7,000 |

CAPITAL OUTLAY TOTAL \$102,400

OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL \$1,114,901

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$1,242,301



River Road phase II reconstruction.

Photo: Steve Halleran

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Land, improved and unimproved | \$30,290,950 |
| Buildings | 81,962,800 |
| Public Utilities | 2,019,773 |

Total Value Before Exemptions Allowed \$114,273,523

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|---|--------------|
| Blind Exemptions | \$15,000 |
| Elderly Exemptions | 562,400 |
| Handicapped Exemptions | 4,500 |
| Totally and Permanently Disabled | 60,000 |
| School/Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption (state law) | 150,000 |
| Education Exemption (state law) | 11,176,400 |
| Total Exemptions Allowed | \$11,968,300 |

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|---|---------------|
| Net Value Used For Local Tax Rates | \$102,305,223 |
| Net Value Used For State Education Tax Rate | \$100,285,450 |
| (Local value less utility property value) | |

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|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Electric Utility Property | |
| Connecticut Valley Electric | \$285,360 |
| Granite State Electric | 847,759 |
| New England Power Co. | 290,650 |
| New Hampshire Electric Cooperative | 596,004 |
| Total | \$2,019,773 |

| Elderly Exemptions | | |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Applied For | Granted | Dollar Total |
| 3 @ 25,000 | 3 @ 25,000 | 75,000 |
| 4 @ 37,500 | 4 @ 37,500* | 137,400 |
| 7 @ 50,000 | 7 @ 50,000 | 350,000 |
| Totals | | \$562,400 |

*\$12,699 unapplied

WAR SERVICE TAX CREDITS

| | | |
|---|--------------|---------|
| Totally and Permanently Disabled Veterans | 5 totaling | \$7,00 |
| Standard exemption | 126 totaling | \$12,37 |
| Total Amount | | \$19,37 |

TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES

Valuation

CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Community Baptist Church& parsonage | \$344,000 |
| First Baptist Church& parsonage | 190,600 |
| Meriden Congregational Church& parsonage | 569,700 |
| Singing Hills Christian Fellowship | 1,203,700 |

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

| | |
|--|------------|
| Kimball Union Academy (state law educational prop) | 11,326,400 |
| Kimball Union Academy (state law dorm, kitchen, dining prop) . | 150,000 |
| Kimball Union Academy (town vote) | 0 |

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

| | |
|---|---------|
| Grafton Pond Trust | 163,000 |
| New England Wildflower Assoc. | 78,400 |
| Plainfield Historical Society | 59,400 |

PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

| | |
|---|---------|
| The Nature Conservancy | 8,200 |
| Meriden Volunteer Fire Dept | 96,700 |
| Meriden Village Water and Sewer District. | 396,300 |
| Plainfield Village Water District | 17,500 |
| Plainfield Volunteer Fire Dept | 55,900 |

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Land on Stage Road | 8,400 |
| Land on River Road | 3,300 |
| Duncan State Forest | 83,600 |

GRANGES

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Blow-Me-Down Grange | 106,300 |
| Meriden Grange | 82,900 |

LAND OWNED BY OTHER TOWNS

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Cornish | 2,500 |
| Grantham | 5,000 |

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTIES | \$ 14,951,800 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|

SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND AND BUILDINGS as of December 31, 1999

DESCRIPTION and VALUATION

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Town hall -Plainfield | \$ 111,500 |
| -Meriden | 243,000 |
| Libraries -Plainfield | 107,800 |
| -Meriden | 147,900 |
| Highway Garage | 154,500 |
| Police Department | 95,000 |
| Plainfield Elementary School | 1,177,300 |

Property Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds:

| | |
|--|--------|
| Burnaps Island | 8,100 |
| Hedgehog Road ten acre lot | 5,600 |
| Brook Rd one acre lot | 4,000 |
| Other Properties | |
| Dump Lot | 23,600 |
| Gravel Pit | 46,600 |
| Spencer Lot | 57,200 |
| Whitaker Road Intersections | 5,100 |
| Tallow Hill Intersection | 6,900 |
| Benson Donation | 23,600 |
| French's Ledges | 7,900 |
| Cram Hill Lot | 6,700 |
| Stage Road Ball Field | 68,800 |
| Thompson Donation (Moulton Cemetery) | 23,000 |
| Farnum Lot | 53,000 |

TOTAL \$2,377,100

CURRENT USE REPORT

| Land Categories | acres |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Farm Land | 2,869 |
| Forest Land | 23,755 |
| Unproductive Land | 1,478 |
| Total Number of Acres | |
| In Current Use 1999 | 28,102 |
| In Current Use 1998 | 27,815 |

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

| | | |
|---|---------------|--------------------|
| Total Town Appropriation | | \$1,242,301 |
| Total Revenues and Credits | less | 695,607 |
| A) Net Town Appropriation | Equals | 546,694 |
| Net Local School Budget | | 2,823,173 |
| Adequate Education Grant | less | 734,981 |
| State Education Taxes | less | 676,885 |
| B) Approved Local School Assessment | Equals | 1,411,307 |
| C) Approved State Education Assessment | Equals | 676,885 |
| D) Approved County Tax Assessment | Equals | 288,095 |
| Total Town, School, and County (a+b+c+d) | Equals | 2,922,981 |
| Shared Revenues | less | 15,156 |
| War Service Credits | plus | 19,374 |
| Overlay | plus | 102,748 |
| Total Town, Local School, State School and County Taxes to be raised | Equals | \$3,029,947 |

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Property taxes to be raised | \$3,029,947 |
| Less war service credits | 19,374 |
| Total tax commitment | \$3,010,573 |

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

| | Prior year tax rate | Approved year tax rate |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Town* | 5.72 | 6.43 |
| County | 3.11 | 2.77 |
| Local School | 28.17 | 13.80 |
| State School | 0.00 | 6.75 |
| Combined tax rate | \$37.00 | \$29.75 |

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|---|---------------|
| Net value on which local tax rates are computed | \$102,305,223 |
| Net value on which state tax rate is computed | \$100,285,450 |

*reflects \$87,000 added to the community's unreserved fund balance

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1999

-Debits-

Uncollected Taxes

| Beginning of fiscal year | 1999 | 1998 |
|--------------------------|------|------|
|--------------------------|------|------|

| | | |
|---------------------------|--|--------------|
| Property taxes | | \$321,432.46 |
| Land use change taxes | | \$ 970.00 |
| Yield taxes | | \$56.40 |
| Excavation activity taxes | | \$2,118.00 |

Taxes Committed to Collector

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Property taxes | \$3,010,573.00 |
| Land use change taxes | \$1,900.00 |
| Yield taxes | \$40,257.21 |
| Excavation activities | \$3,183.00 |
| Excavation tax | \$120.00 |

Overpayments

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Property taxes | \$13,357.77 | \$4,871 |
| Interest collected on delinquent taxes | \$4,698.04 | \$19,046.49 |

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$3,074,089.02 | \$348,494.35 |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|

-Credits-

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year

| | | |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Property taxes | \$2,805,952.99 | \$321,432.46 |
| Land use changes taxes | \$1,900 | \$970.00 |
| Yield taxes | \$26,238.35 | \$56.40 |
| Excavation activities | \$1,166.00 | \$2,118.00 |
| Excavation tax | \$90.00 | \$0.00 |
| Interest on taxes | \$4,673.04 | \$18,754.85 |
| Penalties | \$25.00 | \$291.64 |

Abatements Allowed

| | | |
|----------------|----------|------------|
| Property taxes | \$909.00 | \$4,871.00 |
|----------------|----------|------------|

Uncollected taxes end of fiscal year

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Property taxes | \$217,068.78 |
| Yield taxes | \$14,018.86 |
| Excavation activities | \$2,047.00 |

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|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$3,074,089.02 | \$348,494.35 |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

December 31, 1999

| Unredeemed Liens | 1999 | -Debits- | | Prior |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | 1998 | 1997 | |
| Beginning of year | | \$84,090.60 | \$38,455.83 | \$1,289.70 |
| New Liens | 132,593.74 | | | |
| Interests/Penalties | 3,892.52 | 7,017.00 | 12,854.96 | 462.61 |
| Fees Carried Over | 43.40 | | 10.00 | |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$136,526.66 | \$91,107.60 | \$51,320.79 | \$ 1,752.31 |

| -Credits- | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Remittance to Treasurer | | | | |
| Redemptions | \$60,394.08 | \$42,203.87 | \$36,271.92 | \$ 969.65 |
| Interest/Penalties | 3,892.52 | 7,017.00 | 12,854.96 | 462.61 |
| Unredeemed Liens | | | | |
| End of year | 72,234.06 | 41,886.73 | 2,193.91 | 320.05 |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$136,526.66 | \$91,107.60 | \$51,320.79 | \$ 1,752.31 |

Total amount of funds remitted to treasurer by tax collector \$3,347,735.34

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1999

| | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Cash-Checking | \$81,083 |
| Cash-Investments | \$1,339,998 |
| | \$ 1,421,081 |

Receipts During Fiscal Year \$4,033,069

Total Available \$5,454,149

Less Selectmen's Orders - \$4,402,548

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1999 \$ 1,051,601

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| Cash-Checking | \$59,603 |
| Cash-Investments | \$991,998 |

Respectfully Submitted: Fred Sweet, Treasurer
Douglas Cogan, Dep. Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET
(General Fund)
December 31st, 1999

ASSETS:

CASH:

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| CHECKING ACCOUNT | \$59,603 |
| INVESTMENTS | \$991,998 |
| PETTY CASH | \$100 |
| YIELD TAX BOND | \$6,884 |
| CASH IN TRANSITION | \$7,200 |

TOTAL CASH \$1,065,784

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| PROPERTY TAX RECEIVABLE | \$217,069 |
| YIELD TAX RECEIVABLE | \$14,019 |
| EXCAVATION TAX RECEIVABLE | \$2,047 |
| TAX LIEN RECEIVABLE | \$116,635 |

TOTAL TAXES RECEIVABLE \$349,769

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE \$6,118

TOTAL ASSETS: \$1,421,672

LIABILITIES:

OTHER FUNDS

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| TIMBER TAX BOND | \$6,884 |
| PLAINFIELD LIBRARY | \$498 |
| CONSERVATION FUND | \$2,475 |

TOTAL OTHER FUNDS \$9,857

PAYABLES:

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| SCHOOL | \$938,192 |
| RESERVED ENCUMBRANCE | \$21,100 |
| INVOICES | \$10,079 |

TOTAL PAYABLES \$969,371

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$979,228

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| FUND BALANCE | \$442,444 |
| RESERVE - UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES | (\$18,000) |
| UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE: | \$424,444 |

GRAND TOTALS: \$1,421,672

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| FUND BALANCE-December 31st 1998 | \$305,513 |
| FUND BALANCE-December 31st 1999 | \$442,444 |
| CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CONDITION | \$136,931 |

The following is an excerpt from the town's audit report. The full report is available at the town office for public inspection. The use of a professional audit firm rather than locally elected auditors was new for year 1999. Several of the reports that follow replace and/or add to reports used in previous years.

PLODZIK & SANDERSON

Professional Association/Accountants & Auditors

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Plainfield
Plainfield, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Plainfield as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Plainfield has not maintained historical cost records on its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Plainfield, as

of December 31, 1999, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

The Unaudited Supplementary Information on page 19 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and do not express an opinion on it. In addition, we do not provide assurance that the Town of Plainfield is or will become year 2000 compliant, the Town of Plainfield's year 2000 remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with which the Town of Plainfield does business are or will become year 2000 compliant. Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Plainfield taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Plainfield. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

January 21, 2000

**Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association**

PLODZIK & SANDERSON
Professional Association/Accountants & Auditors

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF
REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS**

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Plainfield
Plainfield, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Plainfield for the year ended December 31, 1999, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to

determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgement, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or record keeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to applicable individuals during the course of our audit fieldwork. Areas discussed included:

- 1) Consideration of automation of Town Clerk's, Treasurers and Board of Selectmen's financial duties.
- 2) Tax Collector's duties including the filing of redemption notices to Register of Deeds in accordance with RSA 80:70.
- 3) The need for supporting documentation for all disbursements made from the Town Treasury.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

January 21, 2000

**Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association**

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 1999

| | <u>Governmental</u> <u>Fund Types</u> | | <u>Fiduciary</u> <u>Fund Types</u> | <u>Account</u> <u>Group</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| <u>ASSETS AND</u> <u>OTHER DEBITS</u> | <u>General</u> | <u>Special</u> <u>Revenue</u> | <u>Trust and</u> <u>Agency</u> | <u>General</u> <u>Long-Term</u> <u>Debt</u> | <u>(Memorandum</u> <u>Only)</u> |
| <u>Assets</u> | | | | | |
| Cash and Equivalents | \$ 73,786 | \$ 59,176 | \$ 1,628 | \$ | \$ 134,590 |
| Investments | 991,998 | 34,780 | 692,457 | | 1,719,235 |
| <u>Receivables (Net of</u> <u>Allowance For Uncollectible)</u> | | | | | |
| Taxes | 331,770 | | | | 331,770 |
| Accounts | 6,118 | 3,530 | | | 9,648 |
| Interfund Receivable | | 2,973 | 938,192 | | 941,165 |
| <u>Other Debits</u> | | | | | |
| Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt | | | | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS | <u>\$ 1,403,672</u> | <u>\$ 100,459</u> | <u>\$ 1,632,277</u> | <u>\$ 15,000</u> | <u>\$ 3,151,408</u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> <u>AND EQUITY</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Liabilities</u> | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 10,079 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 10,079 |
| Intergovernmental Payable | | | 980,051 | | 980,051 |
| Interfund Payable | 941,165 | | | | 941,165 |
| Escrow and Performance Deposits | 6,884 | | | | 6,884 |
| General Obligation Bonds Payable | | | | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Total Liabilities | <u>958,128</u> | | <u>980,051</u> | <u>15,000</u> | <u>1,953,179</u> |
| <u>Equity</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Fund Balances</u> | | | | | |
| Reserved For Endowments | | | 309,336 | | 309,336 |
| Reserved For Encumbrances | 21,100 | | | | 21,100 |
| Reserved For Special Purposes | | | 342,890 | | 342,890 |
| <u>Unreserved</u> | | | | | |
| Designated For Special Purposes | | 100,459 | | | 100,459 |
| Undesignated | <u>424,444</u> | | | | <u>424,444</u> |
| Total Equity | <u>445,544</u> | <u>100,459</u> | <u>652,226</u> | | <u>1,198,229</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | <u>\$ 1,403,672</u> | <u>\$ 100,459</u> | <u>\$ 1,632,277</u> | <u>\$ 15,000</u> | <u>\$ 3,151,408</u> |

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1999

| | <u>Governmental Fund Types</u> | | <u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | <u>General</u> | <u>Special Revenue</u> | <u>Expendable Trust</u> | <u>(Memorandum Only)</u> |
| <u>Revenues</u> | | | | |
| Taxes | \$ 708,057 | \$ 950 | \$ | \$ 709,007 |
| Licenses and Permits | 309,696 | | | 309,696 |
| Intergovernmental | 164,116 | 2,755 | | 166,871 |
| Charges for Services | 84,431 | | | 84,431 |
| Miscellaneous | 74,806 | 37,303 | 13,386 | 125,495 |
| <u>Other Financing Sources</u> | | | | |
| Operating Transfers In | <u>19,560</u> | <u>50,014</u> | <u>104,500</u> | <u>174,074</u> |
| <u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u> | <u>1,360,666</u> | <u>91,022</u> | <u>117,886</u> | <u>1,569,574</u> |
| <u>Expenditures</u> | | | | |
| <u>Current</u> | | | | |
| General Government | 215,475 | | | 215,475 |
| Public Safety | 223,746 | | | 223,746 |
| Highways and Streets | 419,188 | | | 419,188 |
| Sanitation | 117,280 | | | 117,280 |
| Health | 13,312 | | | 13,312 |
| Welfare | 3,180 | | | 3,180 |
| Culture and Recreation | 10,213 | 57,087 | | 67,300 |
| Conservation | 2,100 | | | 2,100 |
| Debt Service | 52,504 | | | 52,504 |
| Capital Outlay | 21,638 | | 18,365 | 40,003 |
| <u>Other Financing Uses</u> | | | | |
| Operating Transfers Out | <u>150,984</u> | | <u>13,389</u> | <u>164,373</u> |
| <u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u> | <u>1,229,620</u> | <u>57,087</u> | <u>31,754</u> | <u>1,318,461</u> |
| <u>Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u> | 131,046 | 33,935 | 86,132 | 251,113 |
| <u>Fund Balances - January 1</u> | <u>314,498</u> | <u>66,524</u> | <u>224,802</u> | <u>605,824</u> |
| <u>Fund Balances - December 31</u> | <u>\$ 445,544</u> | <u>\$ 100,459</u> | <u>\$ 310,934</u> | <u>\$ 856,937</u> |

EXHIBIT C
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis)
General and Special Revenue Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1999

| | <u>General Fund</u> | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u> |
| <u>Revenues</u> | | | |
| Taxes | \$ 614,528 | \$ 708,057 | \$ 93,529 |
| Licenses and Permits | 290,000 | 309,696 | 19,696 |
| Intergovernmental | 163,373 | 162,570 | (803) |
| Charges for Services | 85,000 | 84,431 | (569) |
| Miscellaneous | 67,200 | 74,806 | 7,606 |
| <u>Other Financing Sources</u> | | | |
| Operating Transfers In | <u>21,200</u> | <u>19,560</u> | <u>(1,640)</u> |
| <u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u> | <u>1,241,301</u> | <u>1,359,120</u> | <u>117,819</u> |
| <u>Expenditures</u> | | | |
| <u>Current</u> | | | |
| General Government | 215,375 | 218,475 | (3,100) |
| Public Safety | 216,282 | 222,200 | (5,918) |
| Highways and Streets | 433,212 | 433,388 | (176) |
| Sanitation | 119,122 | 117,280 | 1,842 |
| Health | 14,020 | 13,312 | 708 |
| Welfare | 5,000 | 3,180 | 1,820 |
| Culture and Recreation | 10,301 | 10,213 | 88 |
| Conservation | 2,100 | 2,100 | |
| Debt Service | 53,005 | 52,504 | 501 |
| Capital Outlay | 21,900 | 21,638 | 262 |
| <u>Other Financing Uses</u> | | | |
| Operating Transfers Out | <u>150,984</u> | <u>150,984</u> | <u></u> |
| <u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u> | <u>1,241,301</u> | <u>1,245,274</u> | <u>(3,973)</u> |
| <u>Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u> | <u>\$ -0-</u> | 113,846 | <u>\$ 113,846</u> |
| <u>Unreserved Fund Balances - January 1</u> | | <u>310,598</u> | |
| <u>Unreserved Fund Balances - December 31</u> | | <u>\$ 424,444</u> | |

| Annually Budgeted Special Revenue Funds | | | Total (Memorandum Only) | | |
|--|-------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Budget | Actual | Variance Favorable (Unfavorable) | Budget | Actual | Variance Favorable (Unfavorable) |
| \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 614,528 | \$ 708,057 | \$ 93,529 |
| | | | 290,000 | 309,696 | 19,696 |
| | 1,230 | 1,230 | 163,373 | 163,800 | 427 |
| | | | 85,000 | 84,431 | (569) |
| 1,000 | 11,294 | 10,294 | 68,200 | 86,100 | 17,900 |
| <u>46,484</u> | <u>50,014</u> | <u>3,530</u> | <u>67,684</u> | <u>69,574</u> | <u>1,890</u> |
| <u>47,484</u> | <u>62,538</u> | <u>15,054</u> | <u>1,288,785</u> | <u>1,421,658</u> | <u>132,873</u> |
| | | | 215,375 | 218,475 | (3,100) |
| | | | 216,282 | 222,200 | (5,918) |
| | | | 433,212 | 433,388 | (176) |
| | | | 119,122 | 117,280 | 1,842 |
| | | | 14,020 | 13,312 | 708 |
| | | | 5,000 | 3,180 | 1,820 |
| 46,484 | 57,087 | (10,603) | 56,785 | 67,300 | (10,515) |
| 1,000 | | 1,000 | 3,100 | 2,100 | 1,000 |
| | | | 53,005 | 52,504 | 501 |
| | | | 21,900 | 21,638 | 262 |
| <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u>150,984</u> | <u>150,984</u> | <u> </u> |
| <u>47,484</u> | <u>57,087</u> | <u>(9,603)</u> | <u>1,288,785</u> | <u>1,302,361</u> | <u>(13,576)</u> |
| <u>\$ -0-</u> | 5,451 | <u>\$ 5,451</u> | <u>\$ -0-</u> | 119,297 | <u>\$ 119,297</u> |
| | <u>37,617</u> | | | <u>348,215</u> | |
| | <u>\$ 43,068</u> | | | <u>\$ 467,512</u> | |

SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED LAND AND BUILDINGS

as of December 31, 1999

DESCRIPTION and VALUATION

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Town hall -Plainfield | \$ 111,500 |
| -Meriden | 243,000 |
| Libraries -Plainfield | 107,800 |
| -Meriden | 147,900 |
| Highway Garage | 154,500 |
| Police Department | 95,000 |
| Plainfield Elementary School | 1,177,300 |

Property Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds:

| | |
|--|--------|
| Burnaps Island | 8,100 |
| Hedgehog Road ten acre lot | 5,600 |
| Brook Rd one acre lot | 4,000 |
| Other Properties | |
| Dump Lot | 23,600 |
| Gravel Pit | 46,600 |
| Spencer Lot | 57,200 |
| Whitaker Road Intersections | 5,100 |
| Tallow Hill Intersection | 6,900 |
| Benson Donation | 23,600 |
| French's Ledges | 7,900 |
| Cram Hill Lot | 6,700 |
| Stage Road Ball Field | 68,800 |
| Thompson Donation (Moulton Cemetery) | 23,000 |
| Farnum Lot | 53,000 |

TOTAL \$2,377,100

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Debits

| | | |
|-----|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 305 | Motor Vehicle Permits | \$305,533 |
| 605 | Dog Licenses Issued | 2,378 |
| | Other Permits & Fees | 1,785 |
| | (includes 10 marriage lic.) | |
| | TOTAL | \$309,696 |

Credits

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Remittance to Treasurer | | |
| | Motor Vehicle Permits | \$305,533 |
| | Dog Licenses Issued | 2,378 |
| | Other Permits & Fees | 1,785 |
| | TOTAL | \$309,696 |

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Bonds & Loans as of 12/31/99

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Highway Garage (retired July 2002) | \$ 15,000 |
| Total | \$ 15,000 |

RECONCILIATION OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Outstanding long-term debt as of January 1, 1999 | \$63,500 |
| Debt retirement during the year | |
| Highway Garage | \$ 5,000 |
| Meriden Town Hall | \$43,500* |
| | \$48,500 |
| *final payment | |
| Outstanding long-term debt as of December 31, 1999 | \$ 15,000 |

HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT 1999 EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1998 Block Grant Encumbrance | \$43,825.10 |
| 1999 Block Grant Appropriation | 82,556.00 |
| Total | \$ 126,381.10 |

RIVER ROAD PHASE II

Materials

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Pavement Reclamation | \$8,225.00 |
| Tree Removal | 3,600.50 |
| Equipment rental | 8,845.85 |
| Culverts | 935.90 |
| Stabilization stone | 2,933.08 |
| Dust Control | 1,809.50 |
| Paving | 102,607.51 |

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Project Cash Cost | \$128,957.34 |
| Transferred to operating budget | \$2,576.24 |

| | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| TOTAL | \$126,381.10 |
|--------------|---------------------|

FIVE YEAR ROAD PROJECT PRIORITIES

As required by the passage of article ten at the 1998 Annual Meeting, the following represents the selectmen's road reconstruction priorities for the next five years. Note: order of work and timing is subject to change as new information, time and available funds dictate.

| Year | Road | Work |
|------|----------------------|--|
| '99 | River Rd | phase III-prep completion and base paving. "Completed" |
| '00 | River Rd | phase IV-top course paving, shoulder work. |
| '01 | Westgate/ Hayward | base reconstruction/paving. |
| '02 | Daniels Rd | base reconstruction/paving. |
| '03 | Bean Rd | base reconstruction/paving. |
| '04 | Jenney Rd | base reconstruction/paving |

SALARIES

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Baker, Nancy G. | Town Secretary/Sup of Cklt | \$25,009.19 |
| Belyea, Judith A. | Selectman | 2,000.00 |
| Berry, Christopher F. | Laborer | 23,074.76 |
| Bonnier, Anthony E. . | Patrolman | 2,250.00 |
| Boutilier, Michael J. | Patrolman | 2,079.00 |
| Dole, Bettyann | Librarian | 13,629.00 |
| Dore, Lawrence M. | Police Sergeant | 33,046.12 |
| Flood, Lauren | Recreation | 1,080.00 |
| Franklin, Paul B. | Supervisor of Checklist | 52.50 |
| Gilbert, Roger L. | Laborer | 28,352.40 |
| Gillens, Gordon A. | Police Chief | 37,704.00 |
| Grobe, Malcolm J. | Recreation | 1,512.00 |
| Hackett, Earl D. | Patrolman | 1,593.00 |
| Halleran, Stephen L. | Town Administrator | 35,248.00 |
| Lawrence, John W. | Patrolman | 3,363.50 |
| MacLeay, Kathryn | Ballot Clerk | 76.13 |
| Marsh, Kerry | Librarian Substitute | 435.00 |
| Martin, Kristen G. | Recreation | 1,296.00 |
| Nelson, Wayne E. | Laborer | 260.00 |
| Newton, Merissa A. | Recreation | 1,080.00 |
| Norwalk, Nancy E. | Librarian | 13,251.82 |
| Raymond, David L. | Laborer | 25,885.65 |
| Roberts, Paul M. | Patrolman | 3,637.00 |
| Rogers, Diane P. | Ballot Clerk/Sub-Librarian | 852.82 |
| Rondeau, Armand A. | Laborer | 2,200.00 |
| Serem, Jerome | Laborer | 21,903.55 |
| Stalker, Jesse R. | Trustee of Trust Funds | 325.00 |
| Stalker, Ruth A. | Auditor/Sub-Librarian | 317.00 |
| Stocker, Kenneth C. | Road Agent | 35,580.00 |
| Stockwell, Bette | Ballot Clerk | 81.38 |
| Stockwell, David W. | Supervisor of Checklist | 124.69 |
| Stone, Sheila M. | Selectman | 2,000.00 |
| Sweet, Fred. | Treasurer | 1,900.00 |
| Swett, Anthony D. | Patrolman | 212.00 |
| Taylor, Stephen H. | Moderator | 100.00 |
| Timmons, Susan J. | Auditor/Ballot Clerk | 353.75 |
| Torrey, Norman P. | Laborer | 27,829.58 |
| Truman II, Thomas L. | Patrolman | 481.50 |
| Wheeler, Ruth Ann | Tax Collector/Deputy TC | 7,648.50 |
| Wilder, Mark H. | Selectman | 2,000.00 |
| Zea, Constance H. | Ballot Clerk | 24.94 |
| Zea, Howard W. | Town Clerk | 8,500.00 |
| TOTAL | | \$368,349.78 |

SELECTMEN'S REPORT ON RESERVE FUND TRANSACTIONS

The selectmen are named agents to expend for three reserve funds:

The Library Building Repair Fund created in 1992.

The Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994.

Town Hall Repair Fund created in 1996.

Deposits and withdrawals to these funds during 1999 were:

Library

Repair Fund

Deposits \$2,500
Town meeting appropriation.

Withdrawals- none

Town

Bridge Fund

Deposits \$10,000
Town Meeting appropriation.

Withdrawals- \$1,536.40
Cutler Road bridge repair \$1,536.40

Town Hall

Repair Fund

Deposits \$5,000
Town meeting appropriation.

Withdrawals \$16,828.49

| | |
|---|------------|
| Meriden Town Hall slate roof repair. | \$3,670.00 |
| Meriden Town Hall painting. | \$2,068.00 |
| Meriden Town Hall transfer switch. | \$1,960.49 |
| Plainfield Town Hall slate roof repair. | \$5,200.00 |
| Plainfield Town Hall chimney repair. | \$3,930.00 |

See report of the Trustee of Trust Funds for complete details on year beginning and year ending balances for each of these funds.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.
REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND - 1999

| NAME OF TRUST FUND | Principle Balance Begin Year | New Funds Created | Gains or Losses From Sale | Principle Balance Year End | Income Balance Begin Year | Income Earned During Year | Income Expended During Year | Income Balance Year End |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS | | | | | | | | |
| Daniels Cemetery | \$4,976.33 | | | \$4,976.33 | \$988.21 | \$338.34 | \$525.00 | \$801.55 |
| East Plainfield Ceme | \$2,363.75 | | | \$2,363.75 | \$142.98 | \$142.20 | \$168.00 | \$117.18 |
| Freeman Cemetery | \$1,741.71 | | | \$1,741.71 | \$105.36 | \$104.78 | \$123.79 | \$86.35 |
| Gilkey Cemetery | \$248.82 | | | \$248.82 | \$15.05 | \$14.97 | \$17.68 | \$12.34 |
| Gleason Cemetery | \$16,895.05 | | | \$16,895.05 | \$1,018.91 | \$1,016.18 | \$1,200.55 | \$834.54 |
| Methodist Hill Cemet | \$248.82 | | | \$248.82 | \$15.05 | \$14.97 | \$17.68 | \$12.34 |
| Mill Cemetery | \$9,983.70 | | | \$9,983.70 | \$602.47 | \$600.51 | \$709.46 | \$493.52 |
| Moulton Cemetery | \$4,699.04 | | | \$4,699.04 | \$284.24 | \$282.68 | \$333.97 | \$232.85 |
| Penniman Cemetery | \$746.45 | | | \$746.45 | \$45.16 | \$44.90 | \$60.04 | \$30.02 |
| Plainfield Cemetery | \$36,413.28 | | | \$36,413.28 | \$1,240.78 | \$2,135.95 | \$2,523.47 | \$853.26 |
| Raynsford Cemetery | \$995.27 | | | \$995.27 | \$60.20 | \$59.87 | \$49.34 | \$49.34 |
| River Cemetery | \$746.45 | | | \$746.45 | \$45.15 | \$44.90 | \$53.05 | \$37.00 |
| Westgate-Peterson Ce | \$622.04 | | | \$622.04 | \$37.63 | \$37.42 | \$44.21 | \$30.84 |
| Town Cemeteries | \$15,038.16 | \$7,000.00 | | \$22,038.16 | \$486.57 | \$880.65 | \$1,359.36 | \$7.86 |
| TOTALS | \$95,718.87 | \$7,000.00 | | \$102,718.87 | \$5,087.76 | \$5,718.32 | \$7,206.99 | \$3,599.09 |
| LIBRARY TRUST FUND | | | | | | | | |
| Meriden Library | \$16,048.65 | | | \$16,048.65 | \$0.00 | \$910.37 | \$910.37 | \$0.00 |
| Philip Read Memorial | \$46,195.63 | | | \$46,195.63 | \$0.00 | \$2,620.47 | \$2,620.47 | \$0.00 |
| TOTALS | \$62,244.28 | \$0.00 | | \$62,244.28 | \$0.00 | \$3,530.84 | \$3,530.84 | \$0.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS | | | | | | | | |
| Ward Christmas Fund | \$2,488.16 | | | \$2,488.16 | \$255.11 | \$155.61 | \$255.00 | \$155.72 |
| Ward Worthy Poor Fun | \$3,732.24 | | | \$3,732.24 | \$5,095.56 | \$500.76 | \$50.00 | \$5,596.32 |
| Ward Essay Prize Fun | \$2,488.16 | | | \$2,488.16 | \$8,768.58 | \$184.74 | \$150.00 | \$803.32 |
| Elijah Burnap Poor F | \$6,843.94 | | | \$6,843.94 | \$8,832.58 | \$889.26 | \$0.00 | \$9,721.84 |
| Earl Mower Fund | \$1,026.38 | | | \$1,026.38 | \$0.00 | \$58.22 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Duncan Piano Fund | \$746.45 | | | \$746.45 | \$871.96 | \$91.81 | \$8.00 | \$963.77 |
| Vernon Hood Fund | \$248.82 | | | \$248.82 | \$122.92 | \$21.09 | \$0.00 | \$144.01 |
| Bill Hendrick Vision | \$1,116.19 | | | \$1,116.19 | \$472.41 | \$90.11 | \$0.00 | \$562.52 |
| Mother's & Daughter | \$1,393.37 | | | \$1,393.37 | \$141.26 | \$87.06 | \$141.26 | \$87.06 |
| Beulah Pickering Fun | \$18,264.94 | | | \$18,264.94 | \$8,975.96 | \$1,352.45 | \$0.00 | \$10,328.41 |
| **Ruth F Koe Brady Cam | \$0.00 | 645.00 | | \$645.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TOTALS | \$38,348.65 | \$645.00 | | \$38,993.65 | \$25,536.34 | \$3,431.11 | \$604.48 | \$28,362.97 |
| TOTAL: ALL TRUST FUNDS | \$196,311.80 | \$7,645.00 | \$0.00 | \$203,956.80 | \$30,624.10 | \$12,680.27 | \$11,342.31 | \$31,962.06 |
| **Ruth Frances (Koe) Brady Camp Fund is a new miscellaneous fund. | | | | | | | | |
| INTEREST | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve Funds | | | | | | | | |
| Revaluation Fund | \$60,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | | \$70,000.00 | \$10,961.21 | \$4,245.61 | | \$15,206.82 |
| Police Cruiser Fund | \$11,811.12 | | \$11,811.12 | \$0.00 | \$253.61 | 294.94 | \$548.55 | \$0.00 |
| Town Hall Fund | \$13,600.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$15,600.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$761.06 | 789.36 | \$1,228.49 | \$321.93 |
| Bridge Reserve Fund | \$49,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | | \$59,000.00 | \$6,923.05 | 2,938.33 | \$1,536.40 | \$8,324.98 |
| Meriden Water Reserve | \$18,000.00 | \$6,500.00 | | \$24,500.00 | \$1,532.13 | 942.17 | | \$2,474.30 |
| School Building Fund | \$20,000.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$40,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$596.16 | 337.94 | | \$934.10 |
| New Equipment Fund | \$24,724.11 | \$45,000.00 | | \$69,724.11 | \$699.35 | 2,278.22 | | \$2,977.57 |
| Plainfield Village Wa | \$5,000.00 | | | \$5,000.00 | \$817.48 | 281.66 | | \$1,099.14 |
| Library Repair Fund | \$5,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | | \$8,000.00 | \$598.64 | 353.49 | | \$952.13 |
| Philip Read Lib Expan | \$25,000.00 | \$25,000.00 | | \$50,000.00 | \$1,981.82 | 1,888.25 | | \$3,870.07 |
| Meriden Sewer Reserve | \$4,500.00 | \$3,000.00 | | \$7,500.00 | \$1,229.18 | 223.06 | | \$352.24 |
| TOTAL: ALL CAP RES FUN | \$237,135.23 | \$127,000.00 | \$67,411.12 | \$296,724.11 | \$25,253.69 | \$14,573.03 | \$3,313.44 | \$36,513.28 |

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The last year of the century proved to be an eventful, busy twelve months, i.e., State Property Tax - Tornado - Major Washout and several administrative issues.

During the early part of 1999, the board was able to negotiate the purchase of 1.6 acres on Penniman Road adjacent to the Highway Garage from new owners Ken and Wendy Johnson. This clarified the boundary lines and allowed us to continue to use the lower storage yard.

At the March town meeting the budget was approved as level funded for the fourth year in a row. A police cruiser and office copier were approved for purchase. The article for the real estate exemption for Kimball Union resulted in a tie and therefore was not approved.

A revision for the Rental Policy for the Plainfield Town hall was adopted after many hours of hard work by the committee and town office.

A tax review of Singing Hills was conducted by Town Appraiser George Hildum. It was determined that this group does qualify for tax exempt status as a charitable organization. A portion of back land has been placed on the tax roll. Singing Hills also offered an annual cash payment in lieu of taxes in addition to the other on going social contribution the group makes to the community.

Mobile home assessments were reviewed as well as the land assessments for the mobile home parks. In general, this resulted in a lower assessment for the mobile home and a higher one for the park lands.

The River Road project for 1999 was constructed as planned. The section from the McNamara Farm to Sumner Falls was reclaimed and the section from the falls to Freeman Hill was grader shimmed. Both sections were paved and it is planned for a 1" overlay in 2000.

A Tornado occurred in the northeast section of town causing damages on Ladieu Road, Porter Road, Willow Brook Road, Jenney Road, Cram Hill Road, Route 120, Croydon Turnpike, Barker Road, Methodist Hill Road and Harriman Road. Thankfully no one was injured. Significant damage was done to the forest and ornamental trees. Building damage was relatively minor.

A major washout occurred on Willow Brook Road in September after receiving 8" of rain. A section 100 ft. wide slid on the bank of the brook. This repair took several days and cost \$16,000. Consequently the Cutler Bridge project was postponed until spring.

In the fall Kimball Union Academy completed constructing a new sidewalks and installing new lighting along Main Street. The school is paying for all the construction and on going costs associated with the project. Town costs actually decreased as three municipal street lights were removed.

A new State Property Tax was enacted into law on November 3, 1999, without a phase in provision, at \$6.60 per one thousand of equalized value. This helped reduce the tax rate from \$37.00 to \$29.75.

We would like to thank the employees of the town and the various boards/committees for all their help to make this a successful year.

*Judy Belyea, Chairman
Mark Wilder
Sheila Stone*



The Board of Selectmen presented resident Carrie Tibbetts the Boston Post Cane on June 30, 1999. The cane is presented to the town's oldest citizen. See *Choice White Pines and Good Land*, page 213.

Photo: Steve Halleran

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

At the direction of the Board of Selectmen, the following projects were accomplished during the year 1999:

* A complete professional financial audit. At the request of our newly elected local auditors this switch was made for year 1999. The size and number of financial transactions the town has in a year certainly warranted this change. Besides independently confirming the town's strong financial health, this project has and will continue to help improve our accounting practices.

* A fourth consecutive year of operating within a level funded budget. Due to increasing revenues, the amount of dollars required from taxation to fund town operations has been declining since the year 1992.

* The completion of a very productive review of the taxation status of the Singing Hills Christian Fellowship. Rather than being adversarial, this process resulted in an improved relationship between the town and Singing Hills with all parties having a better idea of the challenges facing the other. Through these discussions, besides their existing social service assistance to the town, Singing Hills agreed to a taxable status for some back acreage, and made a modest monetary gift to the town to help cover some of the costs of providing town services for tax year 1999. It is expected that this new arrangement will continue in year 2000.

* A fair amount of time and effort was spent preparing the town for the year 2000 changeover (Y2K bug). Through the assistance of our computer consultant, our efforts focused on upgrading and replacing old hardware and software, rather than simply "patching" existing equipment. This assured us of an improved final product independent of Y2K issues.

*The Meriden Town Hall was outfitted with a transfer switch allowing the entire building to be operated with a generator. This feature will prove helpful during any emergency that disrupts power allowing the building to continue to function as a hub for town services.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Halleran

REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 1999 nature gave us a variety of weather; drought, rogue wind storms, a tornado and a hurricane brushed us with wind and heavy rain. We are fortunate to have an excellent working relationship with Meriden and Plainfield Fire Departments, Cornish Rescue Squad, and the town Highway Department. We were also assisted by the NH State Police & Cornish Police. Thank you! The residents of Plainfield also worked well together through all of these different emergencies. I want to thank everyone for your support and understanding during these trying times. I am looking forward to working with you in 2000.

Respectfully Submitted

Gordon A. Gillens

Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS

Total calls for service: 1,170

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Driving While Intoxicated | 02 | Alarms | 72 |
| Simple Assault | 04 | Animals | 167 |
| Sexual Assault | 01 | Medical Emergency | 23 |
| Weapons | 05 | Fire calls | 26 |
| Burglary | 01 | Motor vehicle | 76 |
| Theft | 19 | Admin. relays | 01 |
| Fraud | 00 | Suspicious persons | 50 |
| Bad checks | 03 | Trespassing | 04 |
| Possession stolen property | 01 | Missing persons | 06 |
| Drugs | 03 | Public hazards | 25 |
| Disorderly conduct | 29 | Motorist Assist | 71 |
| Criminal mischief | 15 | Civil | 23 |
| Auto theft | 03 | Open doors | 23 |
| Criminal threats | 03 | House checks | 105 |
| Total Crimes Investigated | 89 | Assist other PD's | 108 |
| Total arrest/clearance | 54 | Other | 159 |
| | | Domestic offenses | 26 |
| | | Juvenile offenses | 06 |
| Motor vehicle summons | 55 | Accidents no injury | 54 |
| Motor vehicle warnings | 365 | Accidents w/injury | 09 |
| Vehicle defective tags | 40 | E911 calls | 47 |
| Total other activities | 460 | Total Complaints | 1,081 |

PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the year, the Plainfield volunteer Fire Department has responded to 49 calls as listed below:

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----|-------------------|---|
| Motor vehicle accidents | 8 | Chimney Fires | 4 |
| Mutual Aid | 10 | Illegal Burns | 2 |
| Power lines | 12 | Alarm Activations | 6 |
| Car fires | 02 | Skidder Fires | 1 |
| Brush fires | 01 | Public Assists | 3 |

I would first like to thank the very devoted membership of the PVFD for the strong support they have given me in my first year as Chief. These members attend one business meeting and two drills per month. This includes a department drill on a Sunday night, and a combined drill with Meriden Fire Department on a Monday night to better prepare themselves for facing emergency situations that might arise.

I would also like to thank the firefighters' families and employers for their support to the people that must respond 24 hours per day to protect life and property in our town.

This past year we made our last payment on our 1997 Freightliner, Engine #1. We are now pursuing the possibility of building a new station. For those not familiar, our existing station is a two bay wide, by two bay deep garage. The building has no bathroom facilities, and no place for the firefighters to clean up after a fire call. Many times this means the firefighters must get back in the family car and drive home to clean up, bringing toxic substances into contact with family members. This is only one of the problems that we hope to overcome with our new station.

We are planning to do this with **NO** budget increase to the town, and ask for your support in this exciting project.

Please, also remember that it is illegal, in Plainfield, to burn trash in a barrel and that you need a written permit to burn brush. Fire permits are available from:

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Peter Berry, Warden | 675-2293 | Douglas Plummer | 298-6839 |
| John Conly | 675-2411 | Chris Berry | 675-2293 |
| David Best | 469-3350 | William Taylor | 469-3342 |

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas R. Plummer, Chief

PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSES AND BUDGET

| | Actual-1999 | Estimated-2000 |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| EXPENSES | | |
| New Equipment | \$2,345.00 | \$4,000.00 |
| Equipment Repairs | 1,433.65 | 2,000.00 |
| Supplies | 1,679.93 | 1,500.00 |
| Electricity | 898.97 | 1,000.00 |
| Telephone | 732.98 | 800.00 |
| Heat | 830.00 | 900.00 |
| Diesel Fuel | 405.02 | 400.00 |
| Insurance | 6,884.00 | 7,000.00 |
| Schools & Training | 279.76 | 1,000.00 |
| Radio & Radio Repairs | 1,437.57 | 2,000.00 |
| Accounting & Fees | 448.50 | 600.00 |
| Interest* | 1,698.86 | 18,900.00 |
| Principal | 30,171.90 | |
| | \$ 49,246.14 | \$40,100.00 |

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| RECEIPTS | |
| Fund raising | 3,946.00 |
| Town | 35,000.00 |
| Town Reports | 325.00 |
| Forest Fires | 982.22 |
| Title IV | 240.00 |
| Capital Reserve | 10,000.00 |
| | \$50,493.22 |

| | |
|----------|-------------|
| Receipts | \$50,493.22 |
| Expenses | 49,246.14 |

| | |
|----------|------------|
| Balance | \$1,247.08 |
| 12/31/99 | |

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Scott
Treasurer

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Meriden Fire Department received 75 calls for service in 1999.

Alarm investigations:

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|--------------------|----|
| Forest fires | 2 | Private alarm | 1 |
| Rekindled | | Highway Garage | 2 |
| permitted burns | 2 | Singing Hills | 6 |
| Illegal campfires | 2 | KUA | 26 |
| Appliance fire | 1 | Downed power lines | 7 |
| Flooded Oil Burner | 1 | Auto accidents | 7 |

Mutual Aid given to:

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| Plainfield Fire Dept. | 9 | Cornish Fire Dept. | 3 |
| Lebanon Fire Dept. | 1 | Enfield Fire Dept. | 2 |

Mutual Aid received from:

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| Plainfield Fire Dept. | 7 | Cornish Fire Dept. | 3 |
| Lebanon Fire Dept. | 1 | | |

This year our calls for service were up from last year. Some were the results of a very dry spring, which caused us to be on the watch for illegal burns and to respond very quickly to fires that were accidentally started like the Bird Club land forest fire and the fire from downed power lines on Columbus Jordan Road. The tornado on August 13th was one of our biggest challenges. In just a few minutes we received calls that needed to be responded to in many different locations. The following agencies were involved in responding to the event with Meriden Fire: Plainfield Fire, Cornish Fire, Cornish Rescue, Plainfield Highway, Plainfield Police, NH State Police, Granite State Electric, New Hampshire Electric Coop, and many good neighbors. In short order we were able to determine that everyone was okay. The storm left downed trees and damaged roofs. Over 200 acres of timber were destroyed by the storm. In the coming years some of these areas may become fire hazards. We hope everyone will work in helping to prevent forest fires.

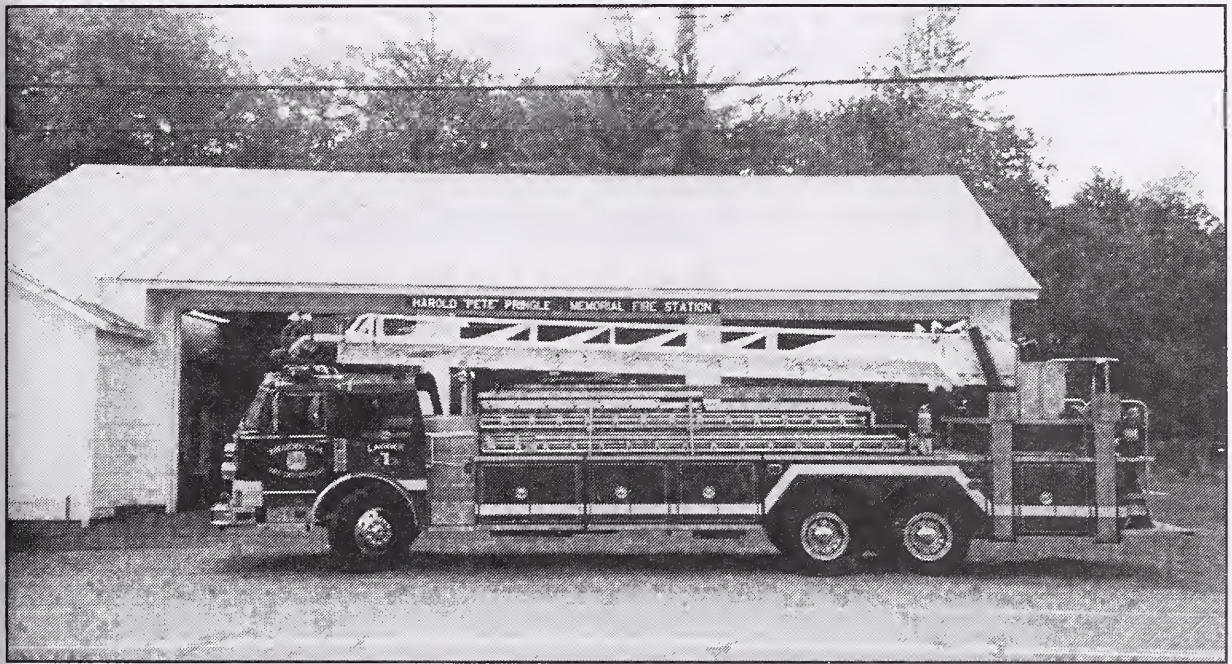
The Wild Game Dinner was another success this past year despite the winter storm. Sorry about that we just can't control the weather. We appreciate all of you who came out that night. Our two yard sales were great and we are already planning our next one. Ticket sales at the Cornish Fair were down a bit due again to weather, but all in all we had a good fund raising year. We wish to thank those who remember us with donations of money, thank you very much.

We replaced our old 1963 ladder truck with a 1980 American La France 100' Ariel Ladder Truck with an enclosed cab.

Remember we are always in need of people to join the department and train to be fire fighters. People who are in town during the day are in real short supply. We also are always looking for people to help with fund raisers. If you can help please call 469-3344. Once again, thank you to each fire fighter and their families for your support and enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Best.



Meriden Fire Ladder #1, purchased in 1999 (1980 American LaFrance with 100' ladder)

Photo: Alice Best

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

1999 FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAIL

| RECEIPTS | 1999 BUDGET | ACTUAL | FAV (UNFAV) VARIANCE | PROPOSED 2000 BUDGET |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| TOWN APPROPRIATION | 35,000 | 35,000 | 0 | 35,000 |
| <u>OTHER SOURCES</u> | | | | |
| FLEA MARKET / YARD SA | 2,000 | 4,339 | 2,339 | 2,000 |
| RAFFLE | 250 | 510 | 260 | 250 |
| CORNISH FAIR TICKETS | 2,200 | 2,087 | (113) | 2,200 |
| SPRING DINNER | 1,500 | 1,489 | (11) | 1,500 |
| DELIVERY OF TOWN REP | 325 | 325 | 0 | 325 |
| DONATIONS | 700 | 3,182 | 2,482 | 700 |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT IN | 80 | 101 | 21 | 80 |
| HAZMAT CLEANUP PAY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS | 400 | 896 | 496 | 400 |
| MISC | 0 | 365 | 365 | 0 |
| SUBTOTAL | 7,455 | 13,293 | 5,838 | 7,455 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 42,455 | 48,293 | 5,838 | 42,455 |

| DISBURSEMENTS | 1999 BUDGET | ACTUAL | FAV (UNFAV) VARIANCE | PROPOSED 2000 BUDGET |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u> | | | | |
| TELEPHONE | 720 | 689 | 31 | 720 |
| ELECTRICITY | 550 | 412 | 138 | 550 |
| SEWER | 240 | 240 | 0 | 240 |
| HEATING OIL | 550 | 456 | 94 | 550 |
| INSURANCE | 9,180 | 7,127 | 2,053 | 7,600 |
| EQUIPMENT MAINTENA | 9,600 | 8,655 | 945 | 8,200 |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLI | 600 | 636 | (36) | 600 |
| GAS, DIESEL | 500 | 166 | 334 | 500 |
| DUES / PERMITS / FEES | 350 | 390 | (40) | 350 |
| TRAINING | 400 | 60 | 340 | 1,000 |
| FIREFIGHTING EQUIPME | 7,830 | 6,747 | 1,083 | 6,210 |
| FOREST FIRE EQUIPMEN | 150 | 161 | (11) | 150 |
| STATION MAINTENANCE | 1,535 | 4,109 | (2,574) | 600 |
| VACCINATIONS/PHYSIC | 200 | 0 | 200 | 300 |
| MISC | 400 | 167 | 233 | 400 |
| SUBTOTAL | 32,805 | 30,015 | 2,790 | 27,970 |
| ENGINE #2 CAPITAL RESE | 16,005 | 21,813 | (5,808) | 17,285 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 48,810 | 51,828 | (3,018) | 45,255 |

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
1999 FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING ACCOUNT SUMMARY

| | 1999 <u>ACTUAL</u> | 2000 <u>BUDGET</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| BEGIN AVAILABLE CASH | 10,835 | <u>7,300</u> |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 48,293 | 42,455 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | <u>51,828</u> | <u>45,255</u> |
| NET CHANGE | <u>(3,535)</u> | <u>(2,800)</u> |
| ENDING AVAILABLE CAS | <u><u>7,300</u></u> | <u><u>4,500</u></u> |

CAPITAL RESERVE SUMMARY

| | 1999 <u>ACTUAL</u> | 2000 <u>BUDGET</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| BEGIN BALANCE | 40,854 | 32,671 |
| INCREASE RESERVE | 76,813 | 21,285 |
| INTEREST / EARNINGS | 509 | 1,200 |
| PAYMENTS | <u>85,505</u> | <u>6,616</u> |
| ENDING BALANCE | <u><u>32,671</u></u> | <u><u>48,540</u></u> |

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your forest fire warden, fire department and state forest fire ranger, contact your local warden or fire department to find out if a permit is required before doing **any** outside burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

The 1999 fire season was a challenging, but safe year for wild land fire fighters in New Hampshire. The severe drought conditions throughout the spring and summer months combined with residual effects of the 1998 ice storm, resulted in a dramatic increase in wild land fires. In addition to burning in excess of 452 acres, 35 structures were also impacted by wildfire.

1999 FIRE STATISTICS

(all fires reported through December 10, 1999)

| Fires Reported by County | # | Acres | Causes of Fires Reported | |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------------|-----|
| Belknap | 139 | 66 | Smoking | 188 |
| Carroll | 81 | 17 | Debris Burning | 352 |
| Cheshire | 131 | 28 | Campfire | 161 |
| Coos | 18 | 4 | Arson | 54 |
| Grafton | 70 | 18 | Railroad | 6 |
| Hillsborough | 271 | 50 | Equipment Use | 43 |
| Merrimack | 213 | 115 | Lightning | 42 |
| Rockingham | 218 | 111 | Children | 176 |
| Strafford | 98 | 26 | Miscellaneous | 279 |
| Sullivan | 62 | 17 | | |
| Total Fires | 1301 | 452 | | |
| 1998 Stats | 798 | 443 | | |

Submitted,

Peter A. Berry
Forest Fire Warden

Douglas C. Miner
Forest Ranger

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

In April of 1974 the Cornish Rescue Squad was created and this Fall during a ceremony at Singing Hills we celebrated our 25th year of serving Cornish and Plainfield. We were honored as past members joined us to reflect on the foundation that the Rescue Squad is built on. The Cornish Rescue Squad continues with the tradition of being one of the respected EMS providers in the Upper Valley.

If you have any special health concerns at your house please contact us at 675-2221. We will review your needs and develop a plan with you.

On a personal note as I complete my fourth year as president I would like to publicly thank the outstanding members of the squad for their dedication and service to the community. It is an honor to work with you.

We are very thankful for the great support we have received over the years from the residents of Cornish and Plainfield. Your continued support allows us to serve you in an emergency.

Sincerely,

Jim McCarragher, President

In honor of our 25th anniversary I would like to reprint the 1974 Annual Report.

Cornish Rescue Squad Inc.

As of February 1974, thirteen Cornish residents successfully completed their Emergency Medical Technician Course.

Eleven of the thirteen persons have founded the Cornish Rescue Squad Inc. (page 67 of this year's Annual Town Report gives information about this corporation.)

Members thus far are:

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Polly Rand, | President | A Member of the board of Trustees | | | | | |
| James Lukash | Vice President | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| Pam Lukash | Sect. & Treas. | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| Robert Hilliard | | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| Ed Bourne II | | " | " | " | " | " | " |
| Joan Baillargeon | | | | | | | |
| Ed Lawrence | | | | | | | |
| John Rand | | | | | | | |
| Judy Rook | | | | | | | |
| Dale Rook | | | | | | | |
| Shirley Sullivan | | | | | | | |

In the event of an emergency at your home or elsewhere, the Cornish rescue Squad can be reached by Windsor Ambulance Service. They then call the Claremont Fire Department which is received by the EMT's in their homes. At the same time an ambulance can be dispatched from Windsor. Since it may take the ambulance 15 minutes to reach the scene, it is obviously to our advantage to have Emergency Medical Technicians in town who can be at the scene within minutes of your call. There may be instances where the EMT would be all the aid you need, and the services are FREE.

Please support the Cornish Rescue Squad, an independent organization, in any way you can. We can use all the volunteers who are willing to assist us in first aid, as well as fund raising, public relations, etc. Equipment is costly (such as - oxygen bottle refill - \$5.00 which is supplied on an emergency bases free of charge to patients).



Tornado damage,
Max Jewell resi-
dence, Route 120.

photo: Nancy Norwalk

REPORT OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Zoning Administrator: Stephen Halleran, Hours M-F 8:00-4:00

Permits for the following projects were issued in 1999:

| | | | |
|----|--------------------------|----|--------------------|
| 13 | Single family residences | 4 | Renewals |
| 0 | Multi-family buildings | 7 | Barns |
| 11 | Garages | 22 | Renovations |
| 14 | Additions | 12 | Decks/Porches |
| 7 | Mobile Homes | 11 | Sheds/outbuildings |
| 1 | Pool | 1 | KUA project |

Permit total= 103

1999 was the first complete year of using American Inspection Service for building inspections. This use fee paid program has been very successful and will continue into the year 2000.

Building Inspection questions may be addressed to Jack Clegg, AIS @ 675-2373

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Halleran

Zoning Administrator

SUMMARY OF REPORTS OF WOOD OR TIMBER CUT YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1999

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Reports Filed | 31 |
| Total Yield Tax Assessed | \$40,853.81 |
| Softwood cut, BF | 2,133,587 |
| Hardwood cut, BF | 840,493 |
| Cordwood cut, BF | 68 |
| Pulpwood/chips, tons | 13,500 |

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. Belyea, Yield Tax Agent

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

During the year the board GRANTED the following appeals:

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS:

1. **99-01 Kenneth Reney:** Season structure to be located on property in the Conservation Zone accessed by Croydon Turnpike.
2. **99-02 Mark Gray:** Setback encroachment to allow house renovations at 1 Daniels Road.
3. **99-03 Robert & Judy Kline:** Cottage business to operate a cocker spaniel breeding kennel on property accessed from Old County Road.
4. **99-04 Steven & Sharon Zuckerman:** Accessory apartment at 426 Freeman Road.
5. **99-05 Jennifer Williams:** Child day care facility at 848 Willow Brook Road.
6. **99-06 Timothy Goodwin:** Practical difficulty test to allow for the construction of a horse barn at the applicant's 141 Loomis Road residence. Loomis Road is a class VI highway.
7. **97-03A Edward Mitchell:** Previous approval amended to allow for a driveway access onto Route 12A.
8. **99-08: Gordon and Susan Hewes:** Accessory apartment as part of a planned barn to house/apartment conversion, Freeman Road.

During the year the Board DENIED the following appeal:

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS:

1. **99-07: John Bassette:** Applicant proposed a trucking depot at the 1259 Route 12A building formerly occupied by Pegasus Press.

Cases continued into the next year:

1. **99-09 Clark & Christine McKim:** Multi-family building, 340 Ladieu Rd.

Respectfully Submitted

PLAINFIELD ZONING BOARD

KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY STUDY COMMITTEE

Following the historic tie vote on article 13 at the March 13th 1999 annual meeting your committee met four times during the year. Failing the requirement of an affirmative vote, the tie resulted in the "loss" of the proposed discretionary exemption from property taxation of 65% of the Academy's kitchen, dining hall, and dormitory properties for year 1999. Consequently, without the corresponding property tax reduction to KUA, the "Plainfield Grant" from KUA to local students was not available in 1999.

As hoped, the relationship between the town and the school in other area has remained unchanged by the exemption vote. The school continues to assist, on an as needed basis, town governmental departments such as recreation, highway, and police. The school has continued with its support of the Meriden Fire Department, helping with the purchase of the new ladder truck. KUA facilities have remained open and available to local residents.

Every member of the committee felt that because of the large number of consecutive years that the discretionary exemption had been granted coupled with the loss on a tie vote, that the issue should be placed before the voters again in year 2000.

Much of our work this year was spent trying to understand the various effects that the state's new educational funding system has on the mechanics of the town/academy financial relationship in the following three areas:

Statewide Property Tax. There was some questions as to whether the State of New Hampshire would recognize a local discretionary exemption when establishing the dollar amount of the statewide property tax to be raised locally. To the surprise of the committee, the state has indicated, in writing, that such exemptions will be considered when calculating the state property tax to be collected locally.

Value to be exempted. The \$7 decrease in our property tax rate results in a need for a much larger percentage of KUA's kitchen, dining hall, dormitory properties to be tax exempted to reach a targeted figure of about \$3,300/student for the Plainfield Grant.

Cost of sending a student to Lebanon. Since the state of New Hampshire is now providing the cost of an "adequate" education the grant monies we receive from the state reduces by approximately 25% the "local" cost of sending students to Lebanon High School. Current tuition at Lebanon High is about \$7,600 per student. Therefore, if a discretionary exemption is approved, the local property tax cost of sending a student to KUA is \$3,300 compared to \$5,700 to send him/her to Lebanon.

In 1998, for school year 1999, the committee worked with a projection of 28 Plainfield students attending the academy. Based on information provided by KUA the same number of students has been used for the group's work in 1999, for school year 2000. The total amount of property available for the discretionary exemption is just over \$3,000,000.

Summary: The committee, while not collectively advocating for a particular outcome, is recommending that the selectboard place an article on the warrant for voter consideration that, if approved, would exempt from property taxation 100% of the \$3,000,000 in kitchen, dining hall, dormitory property owned by the school. The academy would then return a "Plainfield Grant" of \$3,300 to each local student attending the school. In the roundest of terms, reinstating the exemption adds about \$.75 to the current tax rate.

Stephen Halleran for the
KUA Study Committee

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Over the past year, the Conservation Commission performed our usual duties, made headway on several special projects, and had a change in our membership.

Judy Durant chose not to accept reappointment after serving on the Commission since 1992 and on the Conservation Task Force prior to that. Her participation in our projects typically was cause for optimism that our goals would be achieved.

A replacement was not found until November when the Selectmen appointed Shelley Hadfield. She was an advisor to our Conservation Commission back in the late 1980's, and we will once again benefit from her experience as a planning consultant to municipal governments around the region.

We appreciated the support we received on Article X and Article XI at town meeting. Although no Land Use Change Taxes were received in 1999, the more favorable formula for growing the Conservation Fund will provide a means for the Town to preserve some of our most important open space.

For a while the Benson Town Forest timber harvest seemed to have a life of its own, especially after the August tornado blew across the lot, but by year's end the project was essentially complete. The tornado salvage accounted for approximately one-third of the total stumpage paid by the logger.

PROJECT BALANCE SHEET

| | | |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| INCOME | STUMPAGE | \$33,299.87 |
| | TOTAL | \$33,299.87 |
| END OF 1999 \$1,525 DUE FROM FEDERAL GOVN. EROSION CONTROL | | |
| EXPENSES | FORESTER | \$ 5,889.31 |
| | ROAD WORK | 2,700.00 |
| | ROAD WORK SUPERVISION | 398.10 |
| | ADVERTISING | 360.00 |
| | MISCELLANEOUS | 156.83 |
| | DEPOSIT TO FOREST MAINTENANCE FUND | 23,795.63 |
| | TOTAL | <u>\$33,299.87</u> |

The Conservation Commission attempts to stay aware of potential impacts on our environment; particularly water quality, wildlife habitat, and our more fragile or unique natural communities. We routinely review wetland permit applications and "Intent-to-Cut" timber harvest notices. We also monitor conservation easements on a handful of properties which have been protected for their value as open space.

We are responsible for maintaining two town-owned recreational properties—Burnaps Island and Victor Hewes Memorial Field. We appreciated the help of Plainfield Construction Company, Inc. who donated equipment, labor, and some materials to correct an erosion problem at the ballfield in September.

This year we purchased a Global Positioning Satellite receiver. The Trailblazers and one neighborhood group have used this device to locate and inventory trails. It may also be useful for town boundary perambulation.

We can't take much credit for a community project that so many people would help with anyway, but we did organize Green-Up week once again. And, although we were unable to find even one interested middle school student available to attend conservation camp, we did help support a RiverFest River Day at the Plainfield School.

One of the Conservation Commissions more gratifying events of the year was being recognized by the Sullivan County Conservation District as their "Cooperator of the Year." We received this award for protecting our natural resources by using and promoting management practices which enhance wildlife habitat.

Respectfully submitted,

David Grobe



Conservation Commission members Jeff Moffitt, Diane Rogers, David Grobe (Chairman) and Bruce Plummer accepting the *Cooperator of the Year* award from the Sullivan County Conservation District.

PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Trustees Report - 1999

The Philip Read Memorial Library continues to see increases in programs and circulation.

A generous grant from the New Hampshire Council for the Humanities allowed us to hold two book discussion series, attended by 15-20 people each time. The series consisted of eight programs on "The New South," and were held in the winter and fall. Story time for the younger children continues to be a fun part of the life of the library. Volunteers share their storytelling gifts every month on the third Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Mark Woodcock, kindergarten teacher at Plainfield Elementary, shared his wonderful passion and gift for storytelling at a special program attended by 75 children and parents.

We held three sessions on Internet use, helping more residents negotiate cyberspace. Thank you to David Hendrick for sharing his expertise.

The Friends of the Library joined the New Hampshire Highway Clean-Up Program. Four times each year a group of volunteers goes out on Rt. 12A and collects litter for a two-mile stretch. Signs on 12A indicate the "adoption" by the library.

The library was host for the presentation of the Boston Post Cane to Carrie Tibbetts in June. This honor goes to the oldest resident of Plainfield and Carrie is 92 years young. That same evening, Sergeant Larry Dore received an award recognizing ten years of service to the Plainfield Police Department.

The summer was also busy with the summer reading program, "Once Upon a Summer Reading," with 25 children taking part. Jasmine Shah and her dance troupe performed traditional dances from India in a delightful program sponsored by the Plainfield and Meriden Libraries with a grant from the New Hampshire Council of the Arts. At the ending party, children wrote their own folktale. The two libraries sponsored a "Summer Reading" float in the July 4 parade, and won second prize.

The Annual Book and Bake Sale was a success, thanks to the many donations of good used books throughout the year and the delicious baked goods donated on the day of the sale.

Some townspeople discovered their hidden talents in the "Be an Artist in a Day" art class held at the Plainfield Town Hall. Each artist created a painting of Mt. Ascutney and the covered bridge. This was a "fun" experience.

The Girl Scouts, Friends of the Library, and Plainfield Village Water District regularly use the library for their meetings. Space for meetings, programs, and the library collection continues to be a problem. Circulation increased again this year, with over 11,000 items being loaned.

The New Hampshire Department of Employment Security (through a grant program) has given the library a computer, modum and printer. This computer has special software installed to access the state's employment listings and to write resumes. The computer can be used by anyone needing employment information.

The trustees and librarian are very thankful for all the help given to make the library so vibrant. The plywood snow covers for the bushes in front of the library were built and donated by the Covered Bridge 4-H Club. Thank you to the many residents who donated books, tapes, videos, and magazines, as well as other needed items. Edgewater Farm donated flowers for the planters, and an anonymous patron donated a new office chair.

Our usual volunteers put in 48 hours each month, some of that time in the library and some at home doing tasks such as typing catalog cards. Julianne West was a tremendous help for much of the year, moving the collection around to make what room there might be. Although we plan to increase the number of hours that the aide works (by 19 hours for the year), we rely heavily on our volunteers, in fact we will be looking for more volunteers in the coming year. The Friends of the Library are also a big help and new members are welcome.

The library is a thriving part of the community. We look forward to serving you in the coming year. Remember, there is more available at the library than just books. There is information of all types--including access to the Internet. The state-wide interlibrary loan system means we can provide most anything to our residents. Town trash stickers are also available. Library hours are: Monday 1-5, 7-9 p.m.; Wednesday 1-5, 7-9 p.m.; Friday 1-5 p.m; Saturday 9-noon.

Building Expansion Update:

The Building Committee, trustees, and Friends of the Library continue to work towards the goal of adding much-needed space to the library, as well as handicapped access. The library has been in violation of the ADA regulations for handicapped access for several years. Until the library is accessible, the librarian will deliver materials to patrons unable to get into the building. Please call the library if you would like this service (675-6866).

Fundraisers this past year included the Annual Walkathon, two

raffles--one for the donated Simon Pearce vase (filled with flowers from the Mogielnicki family) and the other for the beautiful quilt made by Ruthann Wheeler.

The North Country Chordsmen barbershop chorus entertained many in a benefit concert at the Plainfield Town Hall on a very hot evening last summer. "The Belle of Amherst" was another outstanding performance by Donna Lowre of Las Vegas, also at the Town Hall.

The Plainfield Community Church has given tremendous support to the library addition. In September they held a chicken pie supper to benefit the fund and added almost \$500 to it. The Christmas concert by the Plainfield Community Chimers also benefitted the building fund.

A grant of \$1400 was received from the Mascoma Savings Bank Foundation.

Our most successful fundraiser ever was the Artist Created Handmade Book Auction held in November. This was an original idea spearheaded by artist Brenda Phillips and the Friends of the Library. One hundred twenty artists donated their talents to create one-of-a-kind blank-paged books. The results were phenomenal and made quite a sight when set up in the Town Hall. We plan to repeat this project again.

Several presentations of the plans were made to groups during the winter and spring. In addition, the plans were on display during all of the public events.

Many donations, large and small, have been received this year, both from residents and non-residents. The library is important to many people. The committees are pleased that so many wish to be a part of a project that will benefit the community and future generations. We thank you for your support.

Submitted by,

Nancy Franklin

Anita K. Brown

Alice Hendrick

FINANCIAL REPORT PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY

FISCAL YEAR 1999

| | BUDGET 1999 | ACTUAL 1999 | PROPOSED 2000 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| On hand Jan. 1 | | | |
| ENCUMBERED COPIER PURCHASE | | | 100.00 |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT | 93.41 | 93.41 | 599.19 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| SUBTOTAL: | 93.41 | 93.41 | 699.19 |
| INCOME: | | | |
| TOWN APPROPRIATION | 23843.00 | 23843.00 | 25407.00 |
| TRUST FUND INCOME | 3500.00 | 4311.08 | 2620.00 |
| FINES & DAMAGED BOOKS | 270.00 | 336.30 | 270.00 |
| GIFTS | 150.00 | 69.61 | 100.00 |
| BOOK SALES | 500.00 | 1035.40 | 500.00 |
| GRANTS -NH Humanities Council | 0 | 1229.91 | 0 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 0 | 252.56 | 0 |
| COPIER FUND DONATION | 0 | 100.00 | 0 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| INCOME: | 28263.00 | 31177.86 | 28897.00 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| TOTAL: | 28356.41 | 31271.27 | 29596.19 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | |
| SALARIES | 14413.00 | 14346.81 | 14911.00 |
| LIBRARY PAYROLL LIAB. | 1103.00 | 1097.50 | 1135.00 |
| LIBRARY MATERIALS | 6000.00 | 7212.92 | 6150.00 |
| AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS | 800.00 | 757.31 | 800.00 |
| SUPPLIES | 1400.00 | 1303.04 | 1400.00 |
| POSTAGE | 190.00 | 147.84 | 190.00 |
| ELECTRICITY | 650.00 | 689.53 | 650.00 |
| TELEPHONE | 1000.00 | 1239.01 | 1300.00 |
| COMPUTER TECH./OUT SERVICES | 500.00 | 368.35 | 500.00 |
| FUEL | 750.00 | 523.98 | 800.00 |
| MAINTENANCE | 600.00 | 274.50 | 600.00 |
| FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT | 300.00 | 51.85 | 300.00 |
| PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES | 350.00 | 422.87 | 450.00 |
| PROGRAMS (includes grant exp.) | 150.00 | 1601.99 | 150.00 |
| WATER | 50.00 | 50.35 | 60.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 100.41 | 278.10 | 100.00 |
| TRANSFER TO SICK PAY ACCT | 0 | 206.13 | 0 |
| COPIER PURCHASE (ENCUMBERED) | 0 | 0 | 100.00 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| EXPENSES | 28356.41 | 30572.08 | 29596.00 |
| ENCUMBERED COPIER FUND | | 100.00 | |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT DEC.31, 1999 | | 599.19 | |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| TOTAL: | 28356.41 | 31271.27 | 29596.00 |

PHILIP READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Balance Jan. 1, 1999 | \$8927.11 |
|----------------------|-----------|

Income:

| | | |
|---------------|------------------|-----------|
| T-shirt sales | 306.95 | |
| Donations | 38.50 | |
| Total | <u>\$ 345.45</u> | |
| | | \$9272.56 |

Expenses:

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Postage | 82.50 | |
| Lawyer-Barry Schuster | 43.35 | |
| Supplies | 35.22 | |
| T-shirts | 858.00 | |
| Advertising | <u>119.00</u> | |
| Total | | <u>-1138.07</u> |

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Balance: December 31, 1999 | \$8134.49 |
|----------------------------|-----------|

(The majority of donations and fundraising event money is now being deposited directly into the long-term building fund CD account as listed below, rather than in the building fund checking account above, in order to receive a higher interest rate.)

Balance Capital Reserve Fund - \$53,800

Value of In-Kind Donations Received to Date - \$5,043.54

Pledges Outstanding - \$25,200

Friends Building Fund CD - \$89,840.69

Friends Savings Account - \$3,000

MERIDEN LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

1999 was a year for new happenings at the library. Our e-mail address is Meriden.Library@Valley.Net. Our librarian is in the process of connecting to the state system and will be able to locate requests from the patrons with out a lot of paper work. The requested materials will still be delivered by the NHSL van so the waiting period will be at least a week before it is received at Meriden.

The library was well used in the past year. New residents find us right away and those who have lived here a few years find us when their children start school and begin research projects. The summer reading program was very successful. Open house held in June during the first week after school closed was for the children to come in and sign up for the "Once Upon A Summer Reading" program. Seventy-six visitors came in for a look around their library while enjoying punch and cookies and 23 children signed up with 19 continuing the program to read a total of 340 books during the six-week program. Twenty-three participated in our "Jeopardy" program and 29 children and parents attended our closing program - "Make your own Ice Cream Sundae". Martha Heroy read a story written by Charlotte Heroy that took the listeners on a trip through some old and favorite tales. This story "Journey Into A Fairy Tale" is available for circulation.

We had many contests during the year that patrons seem to enjoy; watch for more in 2000.

Kerry Marsh worked at the library this past summer and continues to come in on her visits home from college. We are happy to hear from our patrons about how much they enjoy having Kerry at the library.

As we do every chance we have, we want to say THANK YOU to our volunteers. They come by when ever they have free time and help in many ways that Bettyann appreciates greatly. Pam Abrahamson, Natalie Dole, Susan Timmons and Kerry (we don't pay her every time) have all given of their time in 1999. If you would like to volunteer, just stop by and speak to Bettyann. Thank you also to the many residents who give donations of books, cassettes, videos, CDs and magazines. Those items not kept for our collections are put in the front hall for our on-going book sale.

The Board has held one of their required six meetings for the year 2000. The rest of the meetings, which are open to the public are as follows: April 3, June 13, September 18, November 13 and December 4. All meeting are held at the library on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. except for the June meeting, this is a joint meeting with the trustees of the Philip Read Memorial Library and will be held Tuesday, June 13, at Meriden Library at 7:30 p.m.

The trustees and librarian have discussed many times together and with many of our patrons the fact that the library building is not handicapped accessible and we have explored many ways to discover how this could change. Cost of course is the biggest challenge; we just don't have the funds needed. There is a building fund that now has a balance of \$34,779.59. This fund has grown with contributions given this past year but isn't enough for any construction project we have

researched. A ramp system would not do the job and it would be cost effective to wait on a lift or elevator until construction is in process for an addition to the library. As this year passes we will be putting together a committee to address the needs of the library building and the needs of the community and library services required to meet those needs. We would like you to be a member of this committee if you are interested. Please speak to any of the trustees or the librarian and plan to attend the April 3 meeting if you are interested in the building part of our planning process. The expansion and renovation of Meriden Library will be done in phases with a projection of 10 years (we would like to think 5 years but must be realistic.) before we are able to effectively start on the needs of the building but planning and discussing is important and will take place as we also consider ways to add money to our building fund. New library services will continue to be added as the state recommends and the requests of our patrons are considered.

Remember the Plainfield Community Fair and Pet Show held in September in 1997 on the grounds of the library sponsored by the Meriden Library and the Meriden Library Association to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Meriden Library 1797-1997? This year the Meriden Library Association is celebrating an anniversary. In 1930, seventy years ago, the association was incorporated to accept a gift of money from the estate of Millicent Miller. It was the wish of Mrs. Miller to have a library maintained for the children of Meriden Village. On September 10, 2000 the Plainfield Community Fair and Pet Show will be held on the grounds of the library and the grounds of the Meriden Grange and TDS Telecom. Some of the same attractions will return and new ones will be added. Mark that date on your calendar and plan to be there either as a vender, participant or attendee. Call Bettyann if you want to join in on all the fun. Remember this is open to every organization, business and individual who resides in our township. The best thing that happened so far in our planning is the awarding of \$1000.00 from the James B. Tasker Covered Bridges Fund. With this generous gift the association doesn't have to take funds from their moneymaking accounts and will have money to help with Meriden Library projects as they have in the past. Three tents will be available for the fair because of the Tasker award and the generosity of Mike Blood, of Blood's Seafood Catering & Party Rental, for renting the tents to us at 1999 prices.

We would like to thank the Philip Read Memorial Library librarian and trustees for their continual, reciprocated support as your libraries strive to present our patrons with the best library service we can supply.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Crate

Betsy Beck

Rachel Stoddard

1999 FINANCIAL REPORT - MERIDEN LIBRARY

| | BUDGET 1999 | ACTUAL 1999 | PROPOSED 2000 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| On Hand - January 1 | | | |
| Checking Account | 629.29 | 629.29 | 411.74 |
| Encumbered Funds | 3,620.16 | 3,620.16 | 2,909.25 |
| Petty Cash | 29.00 | 29.00 | 25.00 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| SUBTOTAL | 4,278.45 | 4,278.45 | 3,345.99 |
| Income | | | |
| Town Appropriation | 21,563.00 | 21,565.03 | 22,326.00 |
| Town Appropriation-FICA | 1,078.00 | 1,075.97 | 1,086.00 |
| Trust Funds | 900.00 | 1,515.37 | 900.00 |
| Gifts - Memorial | 0.00 | 6,070.00 | 0.00 |
| Gifts - Misc. | 600.00 | 801.20 | 600.00 |
| Book Fines | 100.00 | 229.96 | 100.00 |
| Book Sales | 150.00 | 84.77 | 150.00 |
| Interest | 75.00 | 138.84 | 75.00 |
| Miscellaneous | .00 | 247.71 | .00 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| INCOME | 24,466.00 | 31,728.85 | 25,237.00 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| TOTAL | 28,744.45 | 36,007.30 | 28,482.99 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Salaries | 14,088.00 | 14,064.00 | 14,201.00 |
| FICA | 1,078.00 | 1,075.97 | 1,086.00 |
| Library Materials | 5,500.00 | 6,201.03 | 6,000.00 |
| Telephone | 400.00 | 414.26 | 500.00 |
| Electricity | 600.00 | 477.92 | 600.00 |
| Fuel | 600.00 | 436.48 | 600.00 |
| Water | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Supplies | 550.00 | 416.52 | 550.00 |
| Postage | 500.00 | 321.64 | 500.00 |
| Professional Activities | 100.00 | 124.00 | 100.00 |
| Programming | 150.00 | 153.28 | 200.00 |
| Maintenance | 500.00 | 363.58 | 500.00 |
| Computer Services | 300.00 | 69.80 | 300.00 |
| Building Fund | .00 | 6,670.00 | .00 |
| Miscellaneous | .00 | 1,772.83 | .00 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| EXPENSES | 24,466.00 | 32,661.31 | 25,237.00 |
| Cash on Hand Dec 31, 1999 | | | |
| Checking Account | | 411.74 | |
| Encumbered Funds | | 2,909.25 | |
| Petty Cash | | 25.00 | |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| TOTAL | 24,466.00 | 36,007.30 | 25,237.00 |
| Building Fund Balance | | 34,779.59 | |
| Encumbered Funds - Savings | | | |
| Memorial Fund | | 440.74 | |
| Sick Pay Account | | 325.00 | |
| Computer Fund | | 500.00 | |
| Reference Material Replacement | | 1,643.51 | |

PLAINFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

This past year many programs were offered to the children of the community which proved to be very popular.

Prep-ball for grades 3-4 had one team. Games were played with teams from Claremont, NH. This coming spring we plan on having two prep-ball teams. The teams will be co-ed.

Midget-"B" ball had one team. They played other teams in the Upper Valley League. Plainfield finished third in league play.

The annual fishing derby had over one hundred children participate. The "catch of the day" was caught by Abby Plummer. Many thanks to the Meriden Delimart and the Meriden Garage for their generous donations and help.

There was a good turn out for tee-ball. About fifty kids grades k-2 made up the various co-ed teams. We had four teams playing in our in town league.

Swimming had over one hundred children from toddlers to level 5. The program was under the supervision of Kris Martin and Merissa Newton.

The tennis program was again this year run by Malcolm Grobe and Lauren Flood. The program had ninety participants from beginning to advanced. The program held team matches with Hartford, Vt. and St. Johnsbury Vt. Also the program hosted a tournament for the more advanced players. A cook out was held at the end of the tournament, many thanks to all that helped out.

An end of the year root beer float and cookie party was held for the tee-ball, swimming and tennis. Awards were presented at this time, Malcolm Grobe was the Master of Ceremonies. Mark Woodcock was the story teller and Nathan Plummer put on a wonderful magic show. A clown was on hand in the crowd.

Thanks to Kimball Union Academy for the use of the tennis courts, pool, gym and baseball field. Also, thanks is due to the Plainfield School for the use of their athletic fields and to the Plainfield Church for the use of the Corey Tabor Field.

Our soccer programs seem to be very popular. Eighteen kindergarten students learned the finer points of the game. Grades 1&2 had about 50 participants. The red team won the four in town team championship. Grades 3&4 also had about 50 participants. In this case the navy team won the championship.

Winter basketball, grades k-2 participated in basic skills program. Grades 3&4 learned advanced skills.

This coming spring, softball will be offered to girls in grades 3-6. This will be an instructional program, providing an opportunity for players to learn skills and the rules of the game. The program will meet Saturday mornings 10-11:30am, May 6th to June 10th. The program will cost \$10.

A final thanks to all the coaches and instructors and parents for a job well done.

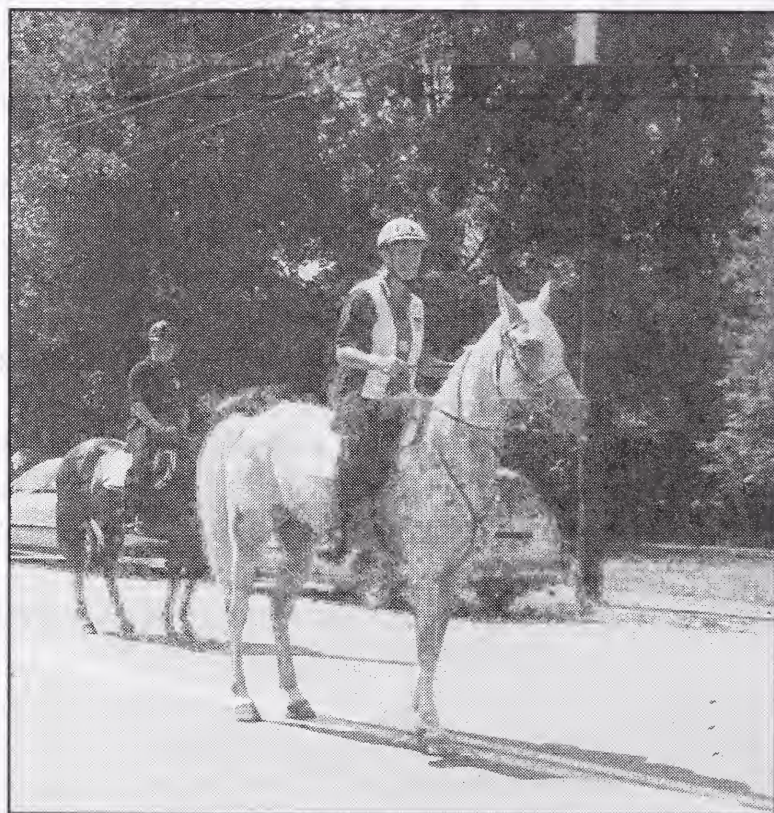
Submitted

George Prescott



Nathan Plummer entertaining with his magic show at the Recreation Commission's year end "Root Beer Float and Cookie Party."

Photo: Nancy Baker



Connie Walker and Smoke, winners of the Gold Medal in endurance riding at the Pan-Am Games in Manitoba, Canada, August 1999.

Photo: Nancy Norwalk

PLAINFIELD RECYCLING

January 2000

Plainfield's recycling rate remained pretty level at around 23% in 1999. The town's production of "disposables" continued to creep up after breaking the 1,000 ton mark last year.

The cost savings to the town from recycling efforts dropped to its lowest level ever to around \$4,900 in 1999, down from around \$8,300 in 1998. The decrease is attributable to lower avoided costs at the incinerator, continued poor markets for recyclables and the purchase of two more dumpsters for the recycling shed.

| | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total tonnage | 999 | 1,038 | 1,050 |
| Tons incinerated | 766 (76.7%) | 804 (77.5%) | 809 (77.0%) |
| Tons recycled curbside | 153 (15.3%) | 151 (14.5%) | 163 (15.5%) |
| Tons recycled at shed | 80 (8.0%) | 83 (8.0%) | 78 (7.5%) |

Curbside recycling: Cost savings to the town totaled \$4,747. The town paid \$1,103 in net processing fees for curbside recyclables but avoided spending \$5,850 by not sending curbside recyclables to the incinerator.

Drop-off shed: Cost savings to the town totaled at least \$182. The town avoided spending more than \$2,000 by not sending material to the incinerator. (Items below, except for the tires and oil and 2/3's of the metal, could have been put out at the curb.) After using revenues from the shed's recyclables to offset operating costs, processing fees and improvements, the shed cost \$1,818 to operate.

| Material Collected at Shed | Est. Amount Collected (in tons) |
|---|--|
| Magazines, boxboard, junk mail | 22.4 |
| Metal | 29.6 |
| Corrugated cardboard/brown grocery bags | 20.6 |
| Office paper | 1.8 |
| Textiles | 1.0 |
| Tires | 3.0 |
| Household batteries | Not available |
| Oil | 375 gallons |
| TOTAL | 78.4 |

In the spring and fall, Plainfield now sponsors a tire recycling day at the shed and funds the town's participation in a hazardous waste collection day in Hartland. Many thanks to the recycling volunteers and also to Ken Stocker and the highway crew for buying and refurbishing cardboard dumpsters, building a fence behind them, transporting office paper and generously giving their continued support!

Susan Williams, Recycling Shed Coordinator

NH/VT SOLID WASTE PROJECT 1999 ANNUAL REPORT

The Project offices greeted 1999 in new offices located at 130 Pleasant Street in Claremont. This move provided cost savings as well as updated facilities and better parking.

As we did in 1998, every effort was made to keep the tipping fee low, which again worked to discourage diversion of waste from our communities. The collective efforts of all Project representatives resulted in the delivery of approximately 49,700 tons to the Claremont incinerator. The continuing efforts of both the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District and the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District to responsibly address their responsibilities for solid waste management and disposal have benefitted us all.

Both the short- and long-term planning efforts begun in 1998 continued throughout 1999. We are still faced with a lack of capacity at the ash landfill because it will be full in early 2001, and a decision on whether to close the facility and pay the additional cost of transporting the ash to an alternative landfill or to construct some type of expansion needs to be made in the immediate future.

The Project continued its efforts to solicit all ideas and concepts in order to make the best possible decisions with regard to the future of the landfill, ash disposal options through 2007. As part of this effort, proposals were solicited from the general public as well as the waste industry. Each person who submitted a proposal was given an opportunity to make a presentation to the Joint Meeting to ensure that all ideas were fully understood.

This process took us into the fall and resulted in the decision to finish the process with the assistance of a professional facilitator as well as a recommendation that the issues under consideration be divided into two tracks. A final decision on the facilitator(s) is anticipated in early 2000, and the facilitator is anticipated to be used to address the long-term planning considerations, while the Joint Meeting will address the short-term issue of the landfill reaching capacity in the short-term. In November the Joint Meeting decided to use an anonymous ballot vote to identify the top three preferences of a majority of representatives based upon all the options presented to date. The results of the poll indicate the following:

1. Transfer Property to Wheelabrator
2. Lateral Expansion of the Landfill
3. Vertical Expansion of the Landfill

On the legislative front, there were several bills introduced in the New Hampshire Legislature that affected the Project and/or the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District, while activity affecting the Project in the

Vermont legislature was fairly quiet. Among the most noteworthy were the mercury bill, establishment of a committee to study the NH District, and a bill introduced by the Town of Newport to remove the ash landfill's exemption from local land use controls as a result of its municipal ownership.

The mercury bill received a large amount of attention from the Project office and many individual representatives because it poses significant cost implications to both districts. Every effort was made with the assistance of Senator Disnard (Claremont) and Senator Johnson (Meredith) to ensure that state funds were included so that the bill did not create an unfunded mandate for the New Hampshire communities. This effort will continue through this legislative session as the bill has gone to a conference committee between the House and Senate to reconcile differences in the versions passed by each. If successful in maintaining funding for the New Hampshire communities, this will avoid an expense which could potentially exceed \$866,000 for capital costs and tens of thousands of dollars in annual operating and maintenance expenses required by the retrofit through 2007. As you can see, the impacts are potentially significant and the continuing assistance and support of the towns and representatives is greatly appreciated.

Representative Tuthill (Acworth) introduced several bills in the New Hampshire legislature which were harmful to the common interests of the Project. Only one of Representative Tuthill's bills passed and that was a bill that created a legislative committee to study the organizational, financial and environmental impacts of the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District on Sullivan County. This committee is comprised of Representatives Patten, Leone and Foster, as well as Senators Disnard, Johnson and Below. Given the scope of the task, the committee chair, Representative Patten, is seeking authorization for an extension to file a report. This committee has held several meetings in Concord as well as a public forum in Claremont, and has received voluminous materials from many interested parties. If you would like more information on this committee, please feel free to contact the Project offices at 603/543-1201.

Discussions with the Town of Newport are continuing in an effort to address the concerns of the community hosting the ash landfill with regard to future uses of the site. The Town of Newport adopted a zoning ordinance and land use regulations at their last town meeting which address solid waste facilities.

The only litigation involving the Project in 1999 was a lawsuit filed by Newport representative Peter Franklin seeking access to confidential information under the New Hampshire "right to know law" (RSA 91-A) which provides access to public records to members of the public. Unfortunately, this issue has escalated because of efforts by Mr. Franklin's attorneys to raise questions on whether the Project's collective activities are controlled by the Joint Meeting or independently by the individual districts. As many of you may recall, this issue with regard to budget authority was settled through an arbitration between the

two districts several years ago and confirmed that the Joint Meeting is the body which holds the collective authority to govern the Project. It is hoped that a decision by the Executive Committee establishing controls on access by Mr. Franklin to confidential information will resolve this case, thereby avoiding further litigation or the potential need for another arbitration.

The FY2000 budget was adopted by the Joint Meeting in the amount of \$3,587,983. This budget allows the tipping fee to remain competitive at \$66.88 per ton, effective January 1, 2000. The Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District voted to adopt a budget which included an additional \$2/per ton surcharge to generate funds for District specific activities including household hazardous waste collection. As of the writing of this report, the Sullivan County regional Refuse Disposal District has yet to adopt an annual budget. The VT District tipping fee will go into effect on March 1, 2000 for waste delivered from its member communities.

As 1999 draws to a close, we continue to enjoy active participation in district and executive committee meetings. The future decisions made by the Joint Meeting will undoubtedly be made stronger by this public involvement and community input.

Mary E. S. Williams
Project Director

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

After reviewing town and school budgets proposed for 2000-01, the finance committee voted to support the requests.

The town operating budget remains level funded with a five percent decrease in appropriations. This was possible because the bond for the Meriden Town Hall has been paid off. The school budget's new format is much appreciated. The expenditures are down slightly. The School District is currently debt free.

We commend the elected officials and administrators for their efforts to contain expenses while still providing necessary services. Plainfield's own SAU appears to have had a smooth transition.

The finance committee also met with the representatives of the Philip Read Memorial Library. We recognize the need for a handicapped accessible building and viewed the crowding conditions. We applaud their fundraising efforts of \$124,141.00 as of January 2000. We voted to support their warrant article request for \$25,000 to be added to the reserve fund of \$54,000, from which money for a proposed addition cannot be removed without voter approval.

Addition of a kindergarten classroom for which a 75% state grant has been approved, and renovations at the Plainfield School have also gained support of the finance committee.

An expanded tax base at the local level and adequate funding of state and federal mandated programs remain goals to pursue.

1999 Finance Committee: Cherrie Torrey, Karen Aldrich, Stephanie Berman, Anne Grobe, James Longacre, and James Taylor

WELFARE REPORT

This past year has been challenging for the welfare director. We have seen everything from residents needing fuel assistance to homeless families needing shelter. Fuel assistance is available at the state level and the town helps out until those funds are available to eligible households.

It is required that an application for local assistance be completed when looking for help from the town welfare funds. The office is open each day from 8AM to 4PM, however, calling first is recommended whenever possible. In that way, we can set up a more discrete meeting.

The following is an account of this year's expenditures:

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Rent | \$2,048.00 |
| Electricity | 362.54 |
| Fuel | 135.71 |
| Prescriptions | 19.55 |
| Mortgage payment | 352.00 |
| Gas | 142.00 |
| Water | 77.48 |
| Food | 184.27 |

We recovered \$1,650.00 back from clients as repayment and added a gift of \$225.00 to offset the budget. People are required to repay the town welfare when and if possible. Other donations have been pantry items, Christmas gifts, wood, pies and volunteer assistance delivering meals on wheels. Thanks to all who participated!

For the year 2000, we have made the decision to close the food pantry here in the office. The inventory will be brought to the Claremont Food Kitchen and Listen in Lebanon since many of our residents use those two facilities when in need.

As always, if you are looking to help or looking for help, please call the town office at 469-3201.

Nancy Baker
WELFARE DIRECTOR

HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

Residents of the Town of Plainfield continued to have access to needed social services from the following agencies during 1999:

COMMUNITY YOUTH ADVOCATES: Provides counseling and support for youth and their families, available 24 hours a day; works with court ordered juveniles, maintaining Chandler House, an emergency, temporary home for these clients. 136 Charlestown Road, Claremont, NH 03743 tel. 543-0427

HEADREST: Provides information and referrals for Human Services in the Upper Valley. 14 Church St./ PO Box 247/Lebanon, NH 03766 tel. 448-4872
HOSPICE OF THE UPPER VALLEY: A caring service for people with life threatening illness, and their families, designed to support and supplement the existing health care system. 46 S. Main St. White River Jct. Vt 05001 tel. 802-295-2604

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES: Provides and administers Fuel Assistance, Commodity Foods, WIC Program, Neighbor Helping Neighbor, and Eldercare programs along with other human services type programs to eligible applicants. PO Box 1338 Claremont, NH 03743. tel. 542-9528.

VNAVNH: Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire Medicare is a certified home care agency that provides home health services to Plainfield residents. 46 S. Main St. White River Jct. Vt 05001 tel. 802-295-2604

ACORN: AIDS Community Resource Network, which exists to support and assist those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS. 578 Hartford Ave, White River Junction Vt. tel. 802-295-8777.

After expressing their gratitude for past support these agencies are again looking for funding from our community:

| Organization | Granted 1999 | Requested 2000 | Recommended 2000 |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Acorn | \$ 250 | \$ 2500 | \$ 250 |
| Community Yth Adv | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | \$ 500 |
| GCSCC | \$1430 | \$1430 | \$1430 |
| Headrest | \$1790 | \$1790 | \$1790 |
| Hospice | \$ 550 | \$ 550 | \$ 550 |
| Sthwst Comm Serv | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | \$ 500 |
| VNAVNH | \$7900 | \$7900 | \$7900 |
| Total | \$12920 | \$12920 | \$12920 |

Submitted by,

Stephen Halleran, Harold "Dewey" Jones, Suellen Leungers, Nina Seaman, John Gregory-Davis HSC

MAXFIELD PARRISH STAGE SET COMMITTEE PLAINFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1999 was a very busy year for the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Committee as they shared the Parrish Stage Set in the Plainfield Town Hall with over 1000 people. The opening of the Parrish exhibit at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in June with all the advertising and media coverage, followed by the exhibit moving on to the Currier Gallery of Art in Manchester, NH, from November to January 2000, resulted in much interest in the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set as well as Plainfield, the place that Parrish called home for 68 years.

The committee was involved with the Currier Gallery as they prepared their staff and exhibit for New Hampshire. In the spring, co-chair Bev Widger did a slide presentation and talk about Parrish in Plainfield for the Currier Gallery Volunteer Guild at their annual meeting. That was followed, in May, by a bus tour of the Cornish Colony, a presentation on Parrish, and a luncheon at the Plainfield Town Hall for Currier Gallery members and their guests. During the exhibit, the Currier Gallery again brought a group of volunteer docents to Plainfield and the Town Hall so that they could enjoy the community of which Parrish was a part. The Currier featured a large photo of the stage set in the show. The set was also included prominently in the hard cover catalog. We were pleased that in all brochures, educational activities, and museum labels Parrish's relationship with Plainfield was clearly evident. In November, a group of townspeople attended the gala opening of the Currier Gallery Parrish exhibit. The show will travel next to Rochester, NY, and then on to Brooklyn.

The Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Committee hosted tours for the Minneapolis Museum of Art, Kendal of Hanover, PEO of Claremont, and art classes of the Cornish Elementary School. An evening buffet and presentation was done for the Association of New Hampshire and Vermont Architects. In August, the Plainfield Historical Society hosted the Association of New Hampshire Historical Societies for an all day program on Parrish, the Cornish Colony, and Plainfield.

In addition to the special events, the committee was able to open the town hall on Sundays in July and August and visitors from around the United States and several foreign countries came to view the stage set.

The highlight of the summer was the performance of "Cornish Castles," a play based on the life of Maxfield Parrish, by the Pontine Movement Theater of Portsmouth. The combination of the Parrish-like props and the story of Parrish were breathtakingly performed in front of the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set. The theater group has been performing "Cornish Castles" around the state and also in Philadelphia during the Parrish exhibit. "New Hampshire Crossroads" of New Hampshire Public Television came to Plainfield the evening of the performance here to tape the play. In addition, they interviewed some townspeople, including co-chair Nancy Norwalk, about the stage set and Parrish.

In January 2000, the segment on Parrish and the stage set aired on "New Hampshire Crossroads," complete with pictures of the stage set and the Plainfield Town Hall. In addition to "New Hampshire Crossroads," Maxfield Parrish was the theme for a "New Hampshire Minute" on WMUR. The minute is produced in conjunction with the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

The second annual Vintage Print and Collectibles Sale was held on Columbus Day weekend. The sale was a huge success, bringing repeat customers from the previous year from as far away as Texas!

In the fall, the Plainfield Historical Society was again called upon to host a harvest supper and do a presentation on the town hall and stage set for the Connecticut River Joint Commissions.

The beauty and history of the Plainfield Town Hall and the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set is drawing more and more visitors each year to the town. Word has also spread about the wonderful meals the Plainfield Historical Society provides. It is a tribute to Plainfield that so many groups held their annual meetings in the town hall this past year.

The committee wishes to thank and acknowledge the contributions to the preservation of the Maxfield Parrish Stage Set by Timothy and Sally Rub. Tim, formerly the Director of the Hood Museum, has been a consultant to the committee for many years and was instrumental in hiring the Williamstown Art Conservation Laboratory to perform the cleaning and repair of the stage set back in 1993. Sally, a graphics designer, designed the first fundraising brochure and the wonderful color brochure "Parrish in Plainfield." We wish them the best in their move to Ohio.

Beverly Widger, Co-Chair
Nancy Norwalk, Co-Chair
Nancy Franklin
Cheyenne Chellis
Timothy Rub, Advisor

Alice Jordan
Bill Jordan
Diane Rogers
Dana Sherrick

Treasurer's Report
Historical Society Stage Set Fund
Fiscal Year End Report

June 1, 1998 - May 31, 1999

Stage Set Accounts - Beginning Balances June 1, 1998

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| Savings Account | \$ 5,411.17 |
| Checking Account | 143.97 |
| Kitchen Fund | 2001.44 |

\$ 7,556.58

Income:

| | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Admissions | 684.20 |
| Donations | 123.65 |
| Kitchen Fund Donations | 117.40 |
| MP Merchandise Sales | 2,062.70 |
| Painting Sales | 2,074.50 |
| Vendor Sale-Table Fees | 210.00 |
| Brochure Sales | 105.00 |
| Currier Presentation | 350.00 |
| Interest Savings Acct | <u>97.05</u> |

Total Income

5,824.50

\$ 13,381.08

Expenses:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Labor | 48.00 |
| Purchase of Pegboards | 1,200.00 |
| Stage Set Repair | 428.25 |
| Brochure Expenses | 116.97 |
| Supplies/Misc. Expenses | 123.50 |
| Purchase Photographs and Video | 220.83 |
| Postage | 141.33 |
| Advertising | 34.00 |
| Telephone | 52.24 |
| Purchase of MP Merchandise | 112.50 |
| Artwork Framing | 1,104.50 |
| Commissions Paid | <u>1,881.50</u> |

Total Expenses

5,463.62

Ending Balance - May 31, 1999

\$ 7,917.46

| | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Savings Account | 5,508.22 |
| Checking Account | 330.81 |
| Kitchen Fund | <u>2,078.43</u> |
| Balance - May 31, 1999 | <u><u>\$ 7,917.46</u></u> |



The Pontine Movement Theater performance of "Cornish Castles," a biography of Maxfield Parrish, Plainfield Town Hall, August 1999.

photo: Nancy Norwalk

PLAINFIELD HISTORY ACCOUNT

(administered by the Plainfield
and Meriden Libraries)

January 1, 1999-December 31, 1999

Choice White Pines and Good Land: A History of Plainfield and Meriden, New Hampshire has continued to sell steadily. The Plainfield and Meriden Libraries are in charge of selling, marketing, storing, and shipping the books. It has been eight years since the history was published, and the number of copies sold to date is 950. The cost is \$45, and they are available at the town office and the Plainfield and Meriden Libraries. Our town is an interesting place and quite unique in many ways. Purchase your copy now and read about **your** community.

Financial Report

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Balance January 1 | \$6261.08 |
| Income: | |
| Sale of books | \$811.00 |
| Bank interest | 50.46 |
| Total | <u>861.46</u> |
| | \$7122.54 |
| Expenses: | |
| None | |
| Balance December 31 | \$7122.54 |

REPRESENTATIVE PETER BURLING

Report to the Towns

The twelve months which have passed since the last town report have been, no matter how you measure, the most contentious and difficult in recent legislative history. Those of us in Concord have struggled over almost everything, but primarily over the cost of public education, and how to fund it.

I won't spend a lot of time recapping the history of education funding, or the debate which has sprung up over it. Rather I would like to comment that change has finally come to New Hampshire, and while it's not over yet, it is clear that we have come a long way with the first steps.

The state of New Hampshire used to be dead last in state support for public education. Now it is somewhere above the middle. State funds used to pay for some 6% of the total cost of primary and secondary public education: now state funds pay for 62%. For the time being, the debate has moved significantly from "will we use state support to help our public schools?" to "how will we pay for the state support to fund public education?" I think that's a big and welcome change.

For the two towns I represent, the change has produced significant reductions in tax rates for local schools. Cornish went down more than 14%, Plainfield somewhat more at around 19%. The two towns will have the opportunity to decide how those reductions are used or preserved. On the revenue issues which surround school funding, I will continue to vote for revenue ideas that are not based on the local property tax, and which have some portion of tax fairness as their central theme.

The upcoming term will see us hard at work on HMO accountability, school accountability and reform, and how to close the pending revenue gap of around \$30 million.

Thank you all for your support and good wishes. I can always be reached at 271-2136 if you need me in Concord. My fax is 271-2016, and my e-mail is phburling@aol.com.

Peter Burling

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
SULLIVAN COUNTY DISTRICT "3"**

Cornish – Grantham – Plainfield – Springfield – Sunapee

The first year of my term has certainly been a memorable one! The education funding issue has been and still is the primary topic. With the passing of HB999 a broad base property tax was enacted. Everyone is most probably fed up with reading and hearing about the problems with HB999 which evolved from HB117 (SMART? Plan) and ABC. Unfortunately, instead of an education issue, this became an issue of redistribution of wealth, pitting town against town. If HB999 stays in place, you can be sure that many towns that are now receiving education funding will fall into the "non-receiver" donor category by 2003.

My committee, Children and Family Law, processed 35 bills dealing with topics such as: joint legal and physical custody of children, court diversion programs, disclosure of child abuse and neglect information, and restructuring the juvenile justice system in New Hampshire. We meet in Room 206 of the Legislative Office Building in Concord and if you are interested in Children and Family issues, I invite you to attend the public hearings.

Health Care and Electric Deregulation will command much attention during this upcoming session.

Electric rate reduction is long overdue and needs to be brought in line with the rest of the nation. Science, Technology and Energy will continue to work on this complex issue.

Again, accountability and availability must be addressed in regards to HMO's. Our most vulnerable population, children and the elderly must have affordable health care available when they need it. The elderly should not have to do without the basic necessities of life in order to buy prescription drugs.

The legislature can make a difference in all of the above issues. Will it? This remains to be seen.

Out of 27 session days I had two (2) excused absences. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you. If you have any questions or would just like to voice your opinion, please write or give a call.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance A. Jones

PO Box 975

Grantham, NH 03753

863-8395

PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

During 1999 the Plainfield Planning Board approved the following applications:

SUBDIVISIONS:

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Carl Moulton | 3 lots Chellis Road |
| Connie Bosley | 2 lots Route 12A |
| Carl Strong | 2 lots Underhill Rd |
| Julia McCarthy | 2 lots Route 12A |
| Williamson, Bower, McDonald | 2 lots Old County Rd |

LOT MERGERS (RSA 674:39):

| | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Robert Bartles | Columbus Jordan Road |
| Barbara Noelle | Freeman Hill Road |

ANNEXATIONS:

Robert Bartles, 8.74 acre transfer between two lots owned by the applicant on Columbus Jordan Road.

Kenneth & Wendy Johnson, 1.3 acre transfer to the Town of Plainfield (Highway Garage lot), Penniman Road.

William Quimby, 7 acre transfer to Stephen & Donna Beaupre, Grantham Mt. Road and 6 acre transfer to John & Terry McNamara, Gleason Road.

Donald Goodwin, 1.5 acre transfer to Eric and Damaris Geno, Route 12A.

SITE PLAN REVIEW:

Kimball Union Academy, streetlights, Main Street.

SCENIC ROAD HEARINGS:

Granite State Electric: Black Hill, River, Whitaker, & Grantham Mt. Roads .

In addition to the above applications, in 1999 the planning board developed and adopted voluntary design guidelines for new nonresidential buildings. The Board also began work on zoning changes centered on protecting the Connecticut River by placing additional standards on development directly adjacent to the river.

Respectfully submitted,
THE PLANNING BOARD

Mt. Ascutney Regional River Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

With the designation of the Connecticut as an American Heritage River, it has been a busy year for our waterway on all levels. In celebration of this honor, our river hosted both federal and state agencies and the Vice President of the United States. All of these agencies are looking to the river's local subcommittees of citizens for advice on how best to answer the concerns and needs of valley people. In response, our suggestions for water quality monitoring sites resulted in discovery of a specific pollution problem which the state of VT is now addressing, to the benefit of both fish, wildlife, and river recreationists.

The subcommittee is monitoring recreational use of the river and advised the CRJC on preparation of a new pamphlet, *Boating on the Connecticut River*. The 28-page pamphlet contains new recreation maps which are color-coded to show legal boating speeds, no wake zones, and access points. The pamphlet has been made available to the public without charge and the maps are posted at access sites.

We have continued to provide information, advice and assistance to the states, towns and to local landowners on a number of projects on or near the river, including transportation and riverbank stabilization work. We have advised the State of NH as it develops instream flow rules for times of drought, and supported the City of Claremont in pursuing a grant for water quality monitoring of the Sugar River and Saint-Gaudens Historic Site in seeking a grant to build trail connections to the Blow Me Down Mill.

We held a public forum on local Connecticut River fisheries with VT & NH biologists, preceded by a tour of the Bellows Falls hydro station and fishladder, another forum on the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, and a third on results of an EPA sediment quality study.

Towns in our region are reviewing the many tools and recommendations we have provided in the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*. Several communities, including Plainfield, are actively moving to incorporate them as they update their existing town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly in the area of shoreland protection.

The public is welcome to participate in our meetings, at the Windsor House on the second Tuesday evening of every other month. Citizens interested in representing the town are encouraged to contact the selectmen. More information, including a calendar, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, and a summary of the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, is on the web at www.crjc.org/localaction.htm.

Ted Moynihan & Nancy Franklin, Plainfield representatives.

Mt. Ascutney River Subcommittee region: Harland, Windsor, Springfield, & Rockingham VT & Plainfield, Cornish, Claremont, & Charlestown, NH.

MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Operator's Report

Water System

1999 was a very busy year for the district. Most notable was the extremely dry summer that we experienced. The lack of significant rainfall forced the Commissioners to issue a water conservation order in September. It was the first time in many years that the district has had a limited supply of water. In response to the situation, the district hired Valley Artesian to drill a deeper well adjacent to the existing well. Shortly thereafter hurricane Floyd dumped more than eight inches of rain on Meriden in less than 48 hours, dramatically improving the ground water supply. We are planning to do a pump test on this new well in 2000 and develop it into an auxiliary supply to help meet the needs of the district in the future.

A new electric service line was installed to the well this past fall, and should be put into service including new panels and switches sometime early this year. In September the first of yearly Consumer Confidence Reports was mailed to all customers. The commissioners are currently exploring options to replace 3700 feet of water mains on Main Street, Bean Road, and Camp Road. T&M Associates has completed a feasibility study and the commissioners hope to have a plan ready for the 2001 district meeting.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

A number of projects were completed in the sewer department during the year. A utility shed was constructed over the stand by generator, an underground fuel storage tank was removed and a closure report was filed with the state. All manholes and gate valve boxes were raised to accommodate new blacktop on Main Street. Several manholes damaged by snow plowing activity were repaired. 1200 feet of sewer collection main was flushed and cleaned. The fire alarm system at the plant was upgraded, and a new waterline with yard hydrant was installed.

Thank you to all customers for your water conservation efforts during the extremely dry summer.

Submitted by,
William S. Taylor, Certified Operator, MVWD

Donald E. Garfield
Jeffrey E. Albright
Murray Dewdney
Commissioners, MVWD

WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SULLIVAN, SS.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield in the said county of Sullivan in said State, who are legal voters residing in the Meriden Village Water District, and qualified to vote in said District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield School in said Meriden Village Water District on Tuesday the twenty first day of March 2000 at 7:30 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE I.

To choose the necessary District Officers for the ensuing year, or otherwise as the by-laws direct:

1. A moderator for one year.
2. A clerk for one year.
3. A commissioner for three years.
4. A treasurer for one year.
5. Such other officers and agents as the voters may judge necessary for the managing of the District's affairs, or as may be directed by law to be chosen.

ARTICLE II. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$138,829, which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special warrant articles addressed. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE III. To see what action the District will take with regard to the reports of the District officers.

ARTICLE IV. To see if the District will vote to name the Commissioners as agents to expend for the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system, pursuant to RSA35:1, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) to be added to such fund. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE V. To see if the District will vote to name the Commissioners as agents to expend for the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading equipment on the wastewater treatment system, pursuant to RSA35:1, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be added to such fund. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE VI. To see what action the District will take with regard to water and sewer use charges.

ARTICLE VII. To enact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this eighth day of February, 2000.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Donald E. Garfield

Jeffrey E. Albright

Murray Dewdney

Commissioners, Meriden Village Water District

Meriden Village Water District

Water Department

| Income | Budget 1999 | Actual 1999 | Budget 2000 |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Hydrant Rentals | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 |
| Water Rents | \$79,706.00 | \$81,733.00 | \$77,399.00 |
| Interest | \$500.00 | \$779.00 | \$700.00 |
| Surplus | \$15,867.00 | \$15,867.00 | \$7,000.00 |
| Total Income | \$97,273.00 | \$99,579.00 | \$86,299.00 |

Expenses

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Office | \$600.00 | \$502.00 | \$600.00 |
| Legal | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 |
| Electricity | \$5,100.00 | \$4,393.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| Insurance | \$700.00 | \$0.00 | \$700.00 |
| Maintenance | \$8,000.00 | \$6,577.00 | \$8,000.00 |
| Water Analysis | \$750.00 | \$320.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Telephone | \$300.00 | \$293.00 | \$300.00 |
| Wages | \$3,925.00 | \$2,825.00 | \$3,925.00 |
| FICA, Medicare | \$350.00 | \$262.00 | \$350.00 |
| Interest on Debt | \$22,981.00 | \$22,980.00 | \$20,724.00 |
| Principal on Debt | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00 |
| Capital Reserve | \$6,500.00 | \$6,500.00 | \$6,500.00 |
| Supplies | \$2,000.00 | \$1,712.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Electric Project | \$15,867.00 | \$8,802.00 | \$7,000.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$97,273.00 | \$85,166.00 | \$86,299.00 |

**Water Department Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 1999**

Assets:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| | \$ 48,436.72 |
| Reserves: Distribution upgrade fund | \$ 24,000.00 |
| Accounts due district: Water charges due | \$ 8,643.14 |
| Total Assets | \$ 81,079.86 |

Liabilities:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Reserve Funds: Distribution upgrade fund | \$ 24,000.00 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 24,000.00 |

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Fund Balance Current Surplus | \$ 57,079.82 |
| Grand Total | \$ 81,079.82 |

**Sewer Department Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 1999**

Assets:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Cash: In hands of treasurer | \$ 13,462.77 |
| Accounts due district | \$ 8,115.91 |
| Capital Reserve Fund | \$ 7,500.00 |
| Total Assets | \$ 29,078.68 |

Liabilities:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Reserve Funds: Capital Reserve | \$ 7,500.00 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 7,500.00 |

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Fund Balance - Current Surplus | \$ 21,578.68 |
| Grand Total | \$ 29,078.68 |

Meriden Village Water District

Sewer Department

| Income | Budget 1999 | Actual 1999 | Budget 2000 |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Sewer Charges | \$67,690.00 | \$66,419.00 | \$66,830.00 |
| Connections | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 |
| Interest | \$200.00 | \$173.00 | \$150.00 |
| Total Income | \$67,940.00 | \$66,642.00 | \$67,030.00 |

Expenses

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Office | \$700.00 | \$645.00 | \$700.00 |
| Legal | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 |
| Electricity | \$9,000.00 | \$6,945.00 | \$8,500.00 |
| Insurance | \$14,000.00 | \$14,336.00 | \$15,000.00 |
| Maintenance | \$7,500.00 | \$17,894.00 | \$7,500.00 |
| Telephone | \$250.00 | \$309.00 | \$350.00 |
| Wages | \$16,200.00 | \$15,296.00 | \$16,200.00 |
| FICA, Medicare | \$1,300.00 | \$1,194.00 | \$1,300.00 |
| Interest on Debt | \$2,040.00 | \$2,040.00 | \$1,530.00 |
| Principal on Debt | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| Supplies | \$2,500.00 | \$1,099.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Vehicle | \$750.00 | \$87.00 | \$750.00 |
| Capital Reserve | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$8,000.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$67,440.00 | \$72,845.00 | \$67,030.00 |

MERIDEN VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT MEETING

MARCH 16, 1999

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Meriden Village Water District, in the town of Plainfield, County of Sullivan, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs, held at the Plainfield School on Tuesday the sixteenth of March 1999 at 7:30 p.m., the business was disposed of in the following manner:

The Annual Meeting of the Meriden Village Water District was called to order by Moderator Stephen Taylor.

ARTICLE I. The following resolution was offered, and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the following slate of officers be elected:

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Moderator for one year: | Stephen Taylor |
| Clerk for one year: | Roberta Garfield |
| Commissioner for three years: | Donald Garfield |
| Treasurer for one year: | Gretchen Taylor |

It was voted in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE II. The following resolution was offered, and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$153,863.00 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special warrant articles addressed.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE III. The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the reports of District Officers be accepted as printed in the Town of Plainfield 1998 Town Report; subject to corrections, and that a corrected copy be placed on file with the District Clerk.

It was voted in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE IV. The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the District vote to name the Commissioners as agents to expend for the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993 for replacing or upgrading the water distribution system, pursuant to RSA35:1, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) to be added to such fund.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE V. The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the District vote to name the Commissioners as agents to expend for the Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 for the purpose of replacing or upgrading equipment on the wastewater treatment system, pursuant to RSA35:1, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to such fund.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE VI. The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: 1. That District charges for residential sewer service be decreased from \$71.00 to \$70.00 per quarter.

2. That District charges for sewer service to Kimball Union Academy be decreased from \$4,807 to \$4,700 per month

3. That District charges for residential water service be decreased from \$50.00 to \$40.00 per quarter.

4. That District charges for water service to Kimball Union Academy be decreased from \$6,170 to \$6,000 per month.

It was unanimously voted in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE VII. There was discussion of long-term goals for upgrading the water distribution system. There being no further business under this Article, the meeting was voted adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Roberta I. Garfield,
Clerk

Plainfield Village Water District Report of the Commissioners 1999

This has been a good year for the district. Believing we were onto an adequate water source in the Clay Brook valley, we proposed a \$450,000 bond to develop a new well and build a storage tank. The bond was approved, though things have progressed more slowly since then. To date, \$10,530 of the bond has been expended for the new water source/storage tank project.

The storage tank will be located on the David Taylor property just off the top of Sugar Hill road. The tank will be 132,000 gallons, supplying several days' usage and fire protection. It will be located above 600 ft. elevation so that the system will become gravity pressurized yielding at least 20 lbs. pressure at our highest connection.

Exploratory drilling and pumping have demonstrated an adequate supply available. Preliminary testing revealed better quality even than our current source. Negotiations to secure necessary easements for wellhead protection for final well site location are in progress.

The operation of the existing system has gone well this year. The normal experience of meter repairs, locating and repairing leaks, etc. occupied much of George Adam's time as operator. Testing is the other big responsibility. All tests were done properly on time with good results. We anticipate completing the improvements to the system by mid summer of 2000.

George Adams
Robert Drye
Daniel Nelson
Commissioners, PVWD

WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

SULLIVAN, SS.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield in the said county of Sullivan in the said State, who are legal voters residing in the Plainfield Village Water District, and qualified to vote in said district affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Town Hall in said Plainfield Water District on **Tuesday the 6th of March, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.** to act upon the following subjects:.

ARTICLE I. To choose the necessary District Officers for the ensuing year or otherwise as the by-laws direct.

1. A moderator for one year.
2. A clerk for one year.
3. A commissioner for three years
4. A treasurer for one year.
5. Such other officers and agents as the voters may judge necessary for the managing of the District's affairs, or as may be directed by law to be chosen.

ARTICLE II. To see what action the district will take with regard to the reports of the district officers.

ARTICLE III. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of **\$64,239.97** which represents the operating budget, and to authorize the Commissioners to direct disbursements of funds by the District Treasurer in accordance with the District's Administrative Guidelines. Said sum does not include special warrant articles addressed.

ARTICLE IV. To enact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand.
A true copy attest:

George Adams

Robert Drye

Daniel Nelson

Commissioners of the Plainfield Village Water District

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
2000 Proposed Budget**

| | 1999 <u>Budget</u> | 1999 <u>Actual</u> | 2000 <u>Budget</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Water Rent and Interest | 20,400.00 | 18,180.62 | 52,300.00 |
| Hydrant Service | 1,250.00 | 1,250.00 | 1,250.00 |
| Interest Income | 60.00 | 834.58 | 725.00 |
| Other Income | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 6,099.14 |
| (Transfer from Expendable Trust) | | | |
| Balance Forward | | | 4,147.50 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total Income | 23,710.00 | 20,265.20 | 64,521.64 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | | |
| Administrative | | | |
| Officer Salaries | 630.00 | 580.00 | 630.00 |
| Officer Expenses | 1,200.00 | 821.27 | 1,200.00 |
| Clerical Salaries | 560.00 | 560.00 | 560.00 |
| Payroll Taxes | 420.00 | 210.75 | 380.00 |
| Postage | 300.00 | 420.82 | 300.00 |
| Photocopies/Printing | 100.00 | 5.00 | 100.00 |
| Insurance/Bonding | 1,800.00 | 1,602.00 | 1,800.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total Administrative | 5,010.00 | 4,199.84 | 4,970.00 |
| Operations | | | |
| Maintenance - Labor | 1,400.00 | 1,630.90 | 1,400.00 |
| Maintenance - Supplies | 1,700.00 | 591.94 | 1,700.00 |
| Maintenance - Service | 1,800.00 | 1,800.00 | 1,800.00 |
| Utilities - Electricity | 2,200.00 | 2,095.38 | 2,300.00 |
| Utilities - Propane | 100.00 | 581.54 | 100.00 |
| Water Sample Tests | 1,200.00 | 559.59 | 1,700.00 |
| System Improvements | 1,200.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| New Water Source Projects | 9,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total Operations | 18,600.00 | 7,259.35 | 10,000.00 |
| Debt Service | | | |
| Principal | | | 25,000.00 |
| Interest | | 4,658.51 | 24,269.97 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total Debt Service | | 4,658.51 | 49,269.97 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 23,610.00 | 16,117.70 | 64,239.97 |
| INCOME NET OF EXPENSES | | | |
| | <u>\$100.00</u> | <u>\$4,147.50</u> | <u>\$281.67</u> |

PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
BALANCE STATEMENT

Balance
12/31/99

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| ASSETS | Cash | 446,266.28 |
| | Expendable Trust Fund | 6,099.14 |
| | Accounts Receivable | 1,572.92 |
| Total Current Assets | | 453,938.34 |
| Other Assets | Machinery & Equipment | 124,888.00 |
| | Land and Buildings | 80,000.00 |
| | | 204,888.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 658,826.34 |
| LIABILITIES | | 0.00 |
| | Bond | 450,000.00 |
| | | 0.00 |
| EQUITY | | 208,826.34 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | | 658,826.34 |

**PLAINFIELD VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
March 27, 1999**

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Plainfield Village Water District, in the town of Plainfield, County of Sullivan, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs, held in the Plainfield Town Hall on Saturday, March 27, 1999 at 10 a.m., the business was disposed of in the following manner:

Robert Drye, Moderator, called meeting to order. At this time Moderator introduced Tim McNamara from T&M Surveys and Commissioners George Adams and Robert Widger. Commissioner Dan Nelson was unable to attend. Present: 17

Warrant was read by moderator.

ARTICLE II. The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the following slate of officers be elected:

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| A moderator for one year: | Robert Widger |
| A clerk for one year: | Gertrude R. West |
| A commissioner for three years: | Robert Drye |
| A treasurer for one year: | Beverly Widger |

It was voted in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE II: The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the District accept the reports of the officers as printed in the Plainfield Town Report.

The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE III: The following resolution was offered and it was moved and seconded that it be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the District raise and appropriate a sum of \$23,610.00 which represents the operating budget, and authorizes the Commissioners to direct disbursements of funds by the District Treasurer in accordance with the District's Administrative Guidelines. Said sum does not include special warrant articles addressed.

The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE IV: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

RESOLVED: To direct the Treasurer to transfer from the General Fund at the end of the current fiscal year, any unencumbered balance in the General Fund in excess of \$5,000.

The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE V: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

To authorize the Commissioners to apply for and negotiate a bond or loan of not more than \$450,000 for development and construction of a new water source AMD water storage tank.

It was voted in the affirmative by a two-thirds vote. Yes 11 No 4

ARTICLE VI: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

RESOLVED: To authorize the Commissioners to withdraw amounts from the Expendable Trust Fund, for the declared purpose of such funds, when they deem advisable, without further authorization by the District's membership.

The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE VII: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

RESOLVED: To authorize the Commissioners to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by District meeting, unanticipated money from a Federal, State, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year. This authorization will remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the District meeting.

The vote was in the affirmative and so declared.

ARTICLE VIII: To enact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

There being no further business under this Article, the meeting was voted to adjourn.

Gertrude R. West, Clerk

MARRIAGES 1999 - TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

| Date | Name of Groom & Bride | Residence | Town of Issuance | Place of Marriage |
|------------|--|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 09/18/1999 | Christopher J. Beaulieu Sheila R. Plummer | Nashua, NH Plainfield, NH | Nashua | Hanover |
| 06/26/1999 | John A. Boisvert Linda W. Gilbert | Lebanon, NH Plainfield, NH | Lebanon | Enfield |
| 08/07/1999 | David A. Brady Amy L. Gignac | Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH | Plainfield | Plainfield |
| 04/23/1999 | Marc S. Cousineau Michelle M. Coffman | Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH | Plainfield | New London |
| 07/17/1999 | James A. Daley Julie M. Krane | Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH | Plainfield | Plainfield |
| 01/16/1999 | Richard J. Dessert Sandra L. Kinnett | Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH | Lebanon | Plainfield |
| 06/02/1999 | Timothy F. Goodwin Naomi S. Guaraldi | Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH | Plainfield | Plainfield |
| 09/10/1999 | James T. McKinnon Wendy S. Milligan | Plainfield, NH Littleton, NH | Plainfield | Plainfield |

| | | | | |
|------------|---|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 09/11/1999 | Kevin J. McNamara Clara N. Becker | Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH | Plainfield | Plainfield |
| 10/24/1999 | David W. Scott Nancy P. Kimball | Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH | Lebanon | Meriden |
| 10/18/1999 | Roger D Sharkey Cynthia A. Merrill | Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH | Lebanon | Lebanon |
| 05/29/1999 | Paul J. Smith Victoria L. Wolfe | Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH | Plainfield | Plainfield |
| 08/07/1999 | Robert W. Taylor Lucinda A. McBain | Plainfield, NH Plainfield, NH | Plainfield | Plainfield |
| 05/09/1999 | Jeremy R. Tremblay Heather L. Carter | Meriden, NH Meriden, NH | Lebanon | Meriden |

*In 1999 the State of New Hampshire changed the reporting format for Vital Statistics.

BIRTHS 1999 - TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

| Date of Birth | Child's Name | Place of Birth | Father's Name | Mother's Name |
|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 11/13/1998 | Abrigail Marie Chellis | Arizona | David A. Chellis | Cheyenne Chellis |
| 06/05/1999 | Elsa Baker Armstrong | Lebanon, NH | Scott Armstrong | Beth Armstrong |
| 09/17/1999 | Margaret Ayn Birkmeyer | Lebanon, NH | John Birkmeyer | Nancy Birkmeyer |
| 07/02/1999 | Josephine Anne Brown | Lebanon, NH | Sheldon Brown | Michelle Brown |
| 04/06/1999 | Christopher Ja Courtemanche | Lebanon, NH | Shawn Courtemanche | Wendi Courtemanche |
| 07/22/1999 | Jack William Davini | Lebanon, NH | Gregory Davini | Lise Davini |
| 07/20/1999 | Jensen Terp Dodge | Lebanon, NH | Peter Dodge | Janet Terp |
| 01/15/1999 | Jacob Ryan Dow | Lebanon, NH | William Dow | Karin Dow |
| 04/14/1999 | Virginia Rose Drye | Lebanon, NH | Robert Drye | Margaret Drye |
| 08/04/1999 | Peter Alden Elder | Lebanon, NH | Bruce Elder | Lisa Elder |
| 06/29/1999 | Sheldon John Farnsworth | Lebanon, NH | Shawn Farnsworth | Yarrow Farnsworth |
| 03/30/1999 | Katherine Mary Frederick | Lebanon, NH | Thomas Frederick | Jennifer Frederick |
| 03/30/1999 | Meghan Virginia Frederick | Lebanon, NH | Thomas Frederick | Jennifer Frederick |
| 09/30/1999 | Alica Storme Goodwin | Lebanon, NH | Timothy Goodwin | Naomi Goodwin |
| 07/03/1999 | Erin Abigail Gregory-Davis | Plainfield, NH | John Gregory-Davis | Susan Gregory-Davis |
| 07/16/1999 | Samuel Elliot Hector | Lebanon, NH | Eric Hector | Jennifer Hector |
| 04/13/1999 | Noah Philip Micah Herfort | Lebanon, NH | Oliver Herfort | Ursula Fries-Herfort |
| 07/16/1999 | Morgan Elizabeth Jones | Lebanon, NH | Dean Jones | Amaryllis Jones |
| 12/08/1999 | Shamos Annan McKim | Lebanon, NH | Clark McKim | Christine McKim |
| 08/08/1999 | Bailey Patrick Thibodeau | Lebanon, NH | Lewis Thibodeau | Michele Thibodeau |
| 04/02/1999 | Taylor Thomas Williams | Lebanon, NH | Thomas Williams | Jennifer Williams |

DEATHS 1999 - TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

| Date | Name | Place of Death | Father's Name | Mother's Maiden Name |
|------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 08/16/1999 | Donald J. Archambeault | Meriden, NH | Paul Archambeault | Lucille Tardiff |
| 04/26/1999 | Richard A. Bonnette | Plainfield, NH | Arthur Bonnette | Leona Smith |
| 08/06/1999 | Ruth F. Brady | Lebanon, NH | Arthur Koe | Ruth Cedar |
| 06/02/1999 | Jeremiah S. Johnson | N. Haverhill, NH | Douglas Johnson | Sherry Dube |
| 04/08/1997 | Esther Patterson | Plainfield, NH | James Kelly | Faith Heizinga |
| 02/09/1999 | Joseph Patrick Regan | Plainfield, NH | John Regan | Delia Brabson |
| 01/30/1999 | June L. Scott | Unity, NH | Leslie Furry | Vivian Culver |
| 01/22/1999 | Winston F. Spencer | Windsor, VT | Stephen Spencer | Violet Jaycox |
| 08/22/1999 | Evelyn M. Sullivan | Plainfield, NH | Elmer C. Wiggin | Mable Rivers Keys |
| 10/12/1999 | Edmund A. Wright | Lebanon, NH | Arthur Wright | Mary Power |

PLAINFIELD WEATHER 1999

[Observations by Doug Cogan and Fred Sweet on Center of Town Rd]

(Temperature observation by Richard Langill on Carvel Lane)

| MONTH | HIGH Temp(F) | LOW Temp(F) | MEAN Temp(F) | RAIN (Inches) | SNOW (Inches) | PRECIPITATION (Inches) |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| JANUARY | 50 | -13 | 20 | 2.61 | 28.00 | 5.74 |
| FEBRUARY | 53 | -07 | 26 | 1.36 | 6.50 | 2.10 |
| MARCH | 66 | -01 | 34 | 2.73 | 21.50 | 3.94 |
| APRIL | 74 | 22 | 46 | 0.61 | | 0.61 |
| MAY | 91 | 29 | 59 | 4.56 | | 4.56 |
| JUNE | 94 | 42 | 70* | 1.15 | | 1.15 |
| JULY | 97 | 44 | 74 | 1.62 | | 1.62 |
| AUGUST | 95 | 41 | 68 | 2.29 | | 2.29 |
| SEPTEMBER | 85 | 30 | 59*** | 10.51*** | | 10.51 |
| OCTOBER | 72 | 23 | 46 | 2.57 | | 2.57 |
| NOVEMBER | 68 | 17 | 41 | 2.74 | 0.50 | 2.82 |
| DECEMBER | 52 | 0 | 28 | 1.41 | 2.00 | 1.76 |
| TOTALS | -- | -- | -- | 34.16 | 58.50 | 39.67 |
| '99 AVG | 60.2 | 35.8 | 48.0*** | --- | --- | --- |
| 10yr AVG | 57.3 | 33.8 | 45.5 | 34.15 | 79.72 | 43.96 |

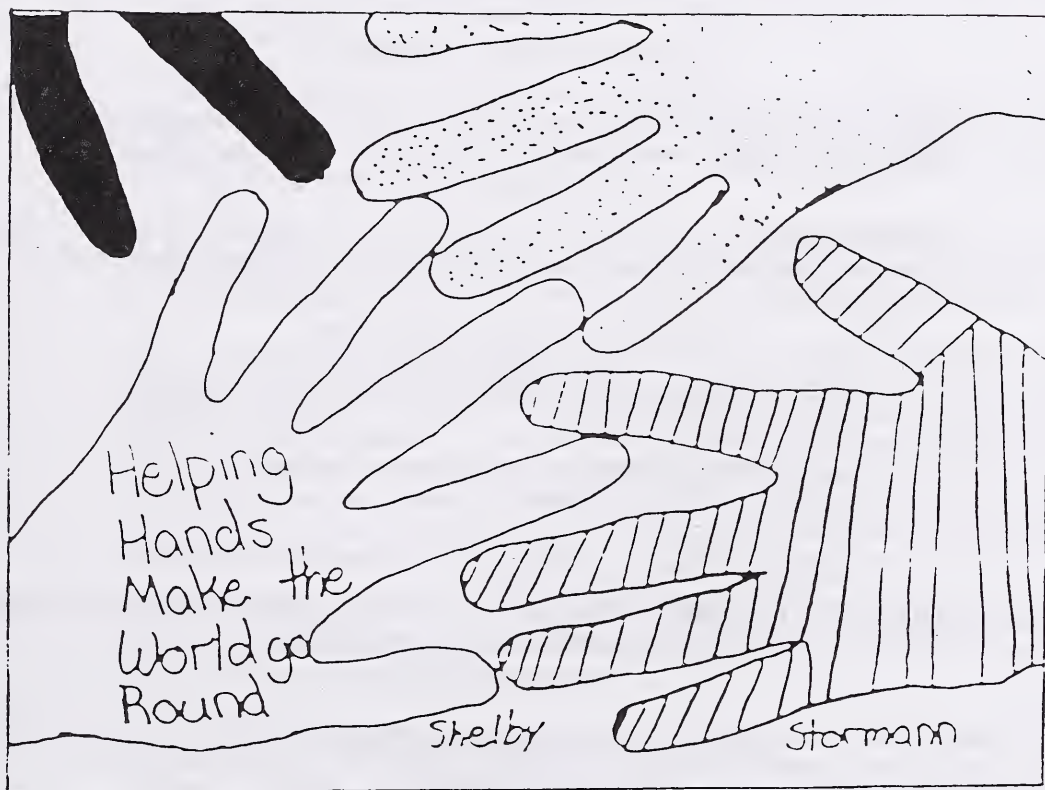
Records:

Warmest June *Warmest September ****Wettest September. Also Sept. 16-17 was wettest 24hr period on record: 5.61"
 ***** Warmest year on record (all records date back to at least 1969).

Daily high temperature records: Feb. 12, 51 degrees; June 7, 94 degrees; July 17 97 degrees; July 30, 96 degrees; Sept 4, 95 degrees.
 No low temperature records were set in 1999.

1999 high temperature: 97 degrees F/July 17; -13 degrees F/Jan. 2.
 Wettest 24 hours: 5.61 inches/Sept. 16-17; snowiest 24 hours: 13.00 inches/March 6-7.
 Date of last freeze: April 29, last frost: May 13; first frost: October 6th,first freeze: October 8th.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
1999



**ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1999

OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

MODERATOR
Stephen Taylor

CLERK
Kelly Taylor

AUDITORS
Ruth Stalker
Susan Timmons

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Judy Houde Hardy
(Term expires 2000)

Charlotte Quimby
(Term expires 2001)

Michael Higgins
(Term expires 2002)

Carlton Strong
(Term expires 2000)

Jo Ella McCarragher - Board Chair
(Term Expires 2001)

PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
Andrew Mellow

**CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES -Trace Educational Services
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Joseph Della Badia

SUPERVISOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
Nancy Brogden

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Joan Nierenberg

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Bonnie Hutchins

**PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Sullivan, ss:

School District of Plainfield

To the inhabitants of the School District of Plainfield, in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Elementary School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield, New Hampshire, on Friday, the tenth day of March, 2000, at 6:30 p.m. to act on the following subject:

Article I. To see what action the District will take with respect to reports of District officers.

Article II. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,044,860 for the construction and original equipping of an addition to the Plainfield Elementary School, including a new kindergarten facility, and for the reconstruction and renovation of existing spaces in the Plainfield Elementary School, and to authorize the issuance of \$875,000 by the issue of bonds or notes of the School District in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Ch. 33), with the balance of \$169,860 to be funded by a grant from the State of New Hampshire under the Kindergarten Construction Program. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) (2/3 ballot vote required.)

Article III. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 for the purpose of funding the school construction project and to authorize the School Board to apply such funds to said project at its discretion. Said amount shall be raised from interest earned from bond proceeds. (The School Board recommends this appropriation)

Article IV. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,070,432 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District. (The School Board recommends this appropriation)

Note: The appropriation in this article includes the sum necessary to fund the one-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Education Association which calls for an estimated increase in teacher salaries and benefits of \$50,724 and the sum necessary to fund the one-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Plainfield School Board and the Plainfield Support Staff Association which calls for an estimated increase in support staff salaries and benefits of \$34,411. A favorable vote on this article shall be considered not only the approval of the operating budget for the 2000-2001 fiscal year, but also the approval of the cost items in both collective bargaining agreements.

Article V. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in the Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997, pursuant to RSA 35:1. (The School Board recommends this appropriation).

Article VI. To see if the Plainfield School District will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-b for the purpose of meeting the expenses of educationally disabled children, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in this fund, and to designate the School Board as agents to expend from this fund. (The School Board recommends this action.)

Article VII. To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

(NOTE: Election of School District officials will take place at the same time and place as election of town officials on Tuesday, March 14, 2000).

Given under our hands at said Plainfield this 7 day of February, 2000.

Jo Ella McCarragher
Jo Ella McCarragher, Chair

Carlton Strong
Carlton Strong

Charlotte Houde Quimby
Charlotte Houde Quimby

Judith Houde-Hardy
Judith Houde-Hardy

Michael M. Higgins
Michael Higgins

A true copy. Attest:

Jo Ella M. Carragher
Carlton Strong
Charlotte Houde Quimby
Judith H. Houde-Hardy
Michael M. Higgins
Plainfield School Board

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

To the inhabitants of the School District of Plainfield, in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Plainfield Elementary School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following subject:

Article I. To choose by ballot a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer for a one-year term, and two School Board Members for a three-year term. (Polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 6:00 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.)

NOTE: All other school business will be considered at the School District Meeting to be held on Friday, March 10, 2000, at 6:30 p.m. at the Plainfield Elementary School.

Given under our hands at said Plainfield this 7th day of February, 2000.

Jo Ella McCarragher
Jo Ella McCarragher, Chair

Carlton Strong
Carlton Strong

Charlotte Houde Quimby
Charlotte Houde Quimby

Judith A. Houde Hardy
Judith Houde-Hardy

Michael M. Higgins
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Plainfield School Board

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes
Annual Meeting – March 5, 1999

At a legal meeting of the voters of the School District of Plainfield, Moderator Stephen H. Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 1999, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden in said Plainfield.

An invocation was delivered by Susan Gregory-Davis followed by the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance. Music Teacher, Jody Orrison, then led a student chorus in the singing of a song to the crowd. Following the chorus' song, Orrison lead the entire crowd in the singing of "Old New Hampshire."

The Moderator introduced the School District Clerk; School Board members (all members were present); Dr. Frank Perotti, Principal; and the individuals representing the SAU (Jim Vezina, Business Manager; Phyllis McKenna, Special Education Director; John Fontana, Superintendent; and Evelyn Howard, Assistant Superintendent).

The Moderator explained the rules of the School District Meeting to the voters and encouraged everyone's participation in the discussions.

Rosemary Mills commended Mrs. Johnson's 5th/6th grade class on their inclusion in TIME Magazine for their project on bats.

The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the Moderator do away with the reading of the Warrant.

The voice vote was in the affirmative, it was so declared, and the meeting proceeded without the reading of the entire warrant.

The Moderator read the Certificate of Posting of the Warrant supplied by the Clerk and viewed the voter checklist supplied by the Supervisor of the Checklist.

ARTICLE I: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and other officers and recognize those persons who have provided exemplary service to the Plainfield School District.

Carl Strong thanked all the volunteers who helped the school during the last year.

The voice vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.

ARTICLE II: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,045,733 for the support of the school, for the payment of salaries of District officers and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District, and to authorize the application against said appropriations of such sums as are estimated to be received from state and federal governments, together with any other income, the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance to be raised by taxation.

The Board highlighted line items from the budget.

Charlotte Houde-Quimby explained that the Kindergarten article (Article VI) would be dropped. When asked why by a voter, Houde-Quimby explained that they wanted to be better prepared for the project before bringing the issue to a vote. One way that they would do this would be by forming a building committee made up of volunteers from the town.

The Board thanked all the volunteers who have served as coaches and advisors.

It was noted that Line 61 of the budget showed a \$0 increase in the salaries of Guidance personnel. This issue will be addressed in a separate article (Article VII).

It was mentioned during discussions of the Health Services section of the budget that Nurse Heaton is becoming a Health Educator. Heaton will be teaching six (6) 45-minute classes each week to eighth graders. In addition, she will focus on health education throughout the school.

Carl Strong explained that we will contract with TRACE for SAU services for one year. It is tentatively planned that a superintendent will be in house 2 days each week, a business manager one day each week, clerical support 5 half days each week, and a special education director one day per week.

Peter Malsin offered the following amendment to Article II, it was moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the amount allocated on Line 48 of Page 116, "Salaries, Co-Curricular," be increased by the amount of \$7,500 to the amount of \$20,833, so that the salary for Athletic Coordinator be raised from \$3,500 to \$11,000.

Cherrie Torrey brought it to the attention of the Moderator that the dollar amount needed to be added to the bottom line and not to a specific line item. The Moderator agreed and the amendment was reworded to read:

Resolved: That the amount allocated on Line 48 of Page 116, "Salaries, Co-Curricular," be increased by the amount of \$7,500 to the amount of \$20,833, so that the salary for Athletic Coordinator be raised from \$3,500 to \$11,000 and so that the new grand total to be raised and appropriated shall be \$3,053,233.

Malsin went on to explain the reason for this amendment. Malsin and Connie Adams-Brady offered to share the responsibilities of Athletic Coordinator for this school year. With all the time that is needed to fulfill the duties, the salary for this position only figures out to about \$3.50 per hour. At times the job may require 28 hours of work per week.

Malsin commended George Prescott for the excellent job he did when he served as the Athletic Coordinator for the school.

There was much discussion of this issue. One voter felt that there were too many games scheduled for our school's level, while another voter stressed the importance of sports to some children and how important it is to keep kids motivated at the 7th and 8th grade levels.

Another voter suggested getting figures from other area schools as to what they pay their Athletic Coordinators.

The vote by secret written ballot on the amendment resulted in:

YES 66

NO 93

The vote was in the negative, the resolution lost, and it was so declared.

Paul Franklin recommended voting on forming a group to study the sports program and its needs. He felt that many people might agree with the concept Malsin suggested—they just might not want to commit to the money expenditure at this time. A show of hands from the floor showed voter support. The Board promised to look into the issue.

Discussion resumed on the main article.

The vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

YES 102

NO 57

The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.

ARTICLE III: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,776 to implement the collective bargaining agreement between the Plainfield Education Association and the Plainfield School Board.

The vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

YES 108

NO 41

The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.

ARTICLE IV: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,818 to implement the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Plainfield Support Staff and the Plainfield School Board.

The vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

YES 122

NO 26

The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.

ARTICLE V: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in the Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997, pursuant to RSA 35:1.

Hank Ruppertsberger explained that the money in the fund would go into repairing the school roof once the carpet installation is complete. It will take approximately 5-7 years to complete the roof project.

When told that the current balance of the fund was \$0, Robert Drye asked whether the fund needed to be created again since the fund had been expended. Steve Halleran responded that no, it did not have to be recreated.

The vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

YES 114

NO 33

The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.

Jo Ella McCarragher explained that the Board had decided to indefinitely postpone action on Article VI. McCarragher said that the school's needs have changed over the last 15 years. The actual number of students has not increased, but educational offerings have. McCarragher mentioned that the Board is looking for volunteers to join a committee to look at the school's current needs.

A voice vote to postpone the article was in the affirmative and it was so declared.

ARTICLE VII: The following resolution was offered, moved and seconded that it be adopted.

Resolved: That the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,928 to raise the Guidance position from a 0.8 full time position to a 1.0 full time equivalent position.

There was some discussion on this article during which time Police Chief Gordon Gillens commended the school guidance counselor and school nurse for their outstanding work with the students of Plainfield.

The vote by secret written ballot resulted in:

YES 98

NO 51

The vote was in the affirmative, the resolution adopted, and it was so declared.

ARTICLE VIII: Other Business.

Carl Strong thanked Hank Ruppertsberger for his work on the Board. Hank replaced Cindi Roy Winters when she resigned from the board last year.

Jo Ella McCarragher thanked Rosemary Mills for her work on the Board and presented her with flowers as a sign of appreciation. Rosemary's term expires in 1999 and she has chosen not to run again.

Moderator Stephen Taylor reminded everyone that the voting for School District Officers would take place on Tuesday, March 9, 1999, at the Plainfield School.

Ruth Brady spoke to the crowd about "General Mills' BoxTops for Education Program" and encouraged everyone to save their box tops and return them to the school. General Mills donates money to the school for each box top returned.

Cherrie Torrey led the crowd in a round of applause for the staff of Plainfield School.

A motion was made, moved, and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The voice vote was in the affirmative and it was so declared at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly L. Taylor".

Kelly L. Taylor
School District Clerk

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes
Election Meeting – March 9, 1999

The election of School District officials took place at the same time and place as the election of Town officials on Tuesday, March 9, 1999, at the Plainfield School in the Village of Meriden, in said Plainfield. Moderator Stephen H. Taylor declared the meeting open at 10:00 a.m. and read the School District Warrant and certification of posting. The Moderator declared the Warrant in order and read the certification of the Checklist. It was noted that the polls would remain open until 7:00 p.m., the same as the Town Election.

ARTICLE I: Balloting results were as follows:

For School Board (3 Years):

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Michael M. Higgins | 158 |
| Clark C. McKim | 29 |
| Nancy Franklin | 3 |
| Boone Rondeau | 2 |
| Gordon LaPan | 1 |
| Walter Backofen | 1 |
| Mike Taupier | 1 |
| Louise Richards | 1 |
| Nancy Liston | 1 |
| Ruth Stalker | 1 |
| Jim Taylor | 1 |
| Diane Rogers | 1 |

Elected:

Michael M. Higgins

For School Board (1 Year):

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Judith Houde Hardy | 163 |
| Clark C. McKim | 5 |
| Robert Drye | 3 |
| Mike Taupier | 2 |
| Diane Rogers | 2 |
| Beverly Widger | 2 |
| Cherrie Torey | 2 |
| Nancy Franklin | 1 |
| Ken Johnson | 1 |
| Boone Rondeau | 1 |
| Dan LaPan | 1 |
| Doug Beaupre | 1 |
| Jim Griffiths | 1 |
| Paul Franklin | 1 |

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Nancy Filiault
Daniel Nelson
Rosemary Mills
Susan Dessert
Nancy Liston
Dorothy McNamara
Hank Ruppertsberger

Elected: Judith Houde Hardy

For School District Treasurer (1 Year):

Jim Griffiths
Nick Anderle
Fred Sweet
Ken Goodrow
Boone Rondeau
James Barnicle
Reggie Tyler
Connie Adams-Brady
Debbie Beaupre
Louise Richards
Nancy Liston
Ruth Stalker
Jim Taylor
Diane Rogers
Robert Drye
George Adams
Fawn Goodrow
Winston Spencer
Connie Walker
Daniel Nelson
Doug Coogan
Kay MacLeay

Elected: Jim Griffiths

For School District Auditor (2 Years):

Sue Timmons
Jim Griffiths
Kay MacLeay
Don Garfield
Gretchen Taylor
Steve Taylor
Bruce Gordon
Jim Craigin
Cherrie Torrey

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| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Deb Beaupre | 1 |
| Richard Rogers | 1 |
| Diane Rogers | 1 |
| Bill Smith | 1 |
| Ruth Stalker | 1 |
| Joan Bishop | 1 |
| Jean Kennedy | 1 |
| Boone Rondeau | 1 |
| Margaret Drye | 1 |
| Robert Drye | 1 |
| Joyce Lundrigan | 1 |
| Linda West | 1 |

Elected: Sue Timmons

For School District Moderator (1 Year):

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Stephen H. Taylor | 208 |
| Jim Ouellette | 1 |
| Timothy Rub | 1 |
| George Koehler | 1 |

Elected: Stephen H. Taylor

For School District Clerk (1 Year):

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Kelly L. Taylor | 207 |
| Jim Taylor | 1 |
| Jane Witzel | 1 |

Elected: Kelly L. Taylor

Michael Higgins, Sue Timmons, and Kelly Taylor were all sworn in by Stephen Taylor, Moderator, in open meeting. Stephen Taylor was sworn in by Kelly Taylor, Clerk, in open opening.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly L. Taylor

Kelly L. Taylor
School District Clerk

NOTE: Judith Houde Hardy was sworn in by Kelly Taylor, Clerk, on March 11, 1999.

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 1999-2000 PROPOSED BUDGET

| Description | 98-99 | 98-99 | 99-00 | 99-00 | 00-01 | 99-00 Budget to proposed | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Estim. Actual | Proposed | \$ | % |
| REGULAR INSTRUCTION | | | | | | | |
| Teacher Salaries | \$ 757,278 | \$ 764,061 | \$ 835,315 | \$ 819,184 | \$ 878,169 | \$ 42,854 | 5.13% |
| Health Insurance | \$ 99,892 | \$ 79,145 | \$ 78,768 | \$ 85,626 | \$ 97,087 | \$ 18,319 | 23.26% |
| All Other Benefits | \$ 116,837 | \$ 105,319 | \$ 126,064 | \$ 140,466 | \$ 131,725 | \$ 5,661 | 4.49% |
| Aides | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,459 | \$ 1,459 | \$ - | \$ (1,459) | -100.00% |
| Tutors | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 13,202 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 14,000 | \$ 798 | 6.04% |
| Substitutes | \$ 10,000 | \$ 11,792 | \$ 11,500 | \$ 31,000 | \$ 10,000 | \$ (1,500) | -13.04% |
| Equipment Repair | \$ 8,020 | \$ 6,493 | \$ 8,020 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,500 | \$ (6,520) | -81.30% |
| Field Trips | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$ 9,000 | \$ 9,000 | 100.00% |
| Tuition | \$ 712,896 | \$ 676,168 | \$ 680,670 | \$ 676,000 | \$ 644,148 | \$ (36,522) | -5.37% |
| Supplies | \$ 30,904 | \$ 25,680 | \$ 32,000 | \$ 12,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ (12,000) | -37.50% |
| Textbooks | \$ 6,711 | \$ 12,523 | \$ 9,847 | \$ 9,847 | \$ 14,000 | \$ 4,153 | 42.18% |
| Software | \$ 7,426 | \$ 4,086 | \$ 6,547 | \$ 6,500 | \$ 7,400 | \$ 853 | 13.03% |
| New Equipment | \$ 13,360 | \$ 14,799 | \$ 13,792 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 6,208 | 45.01% |
| Furniture | \$ 6,546 | \$ 7,181 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 4,394 | \$ 1,894 | 75.76% |
| REGULAR INSTRUCTION | \$ 1,769,870 | \$ 1,707,247 | \$ 1,819,684 | \$ 1,795,582 | \$ 1,851,423 | \$ 31,739 | 1.74% |

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 1999-2000 PROPOSED BUDGET

| Description | 98-99 | 98-99 | 99-00 | 99-00 | 00-01 | 99-00 Budget to proposed | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|--------------------------|---------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Estim. Actual | Proposed | \$ | % |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION | | | | | | | |
| Salaries - Teachers | \$ 101,077 | \$ 101,077 | \$ 107,009 | \$ 107,009 | \$ 117,648 | \$ 10,639 | 9.94% |
| Aides | \$ 86,351 | \$ 79,393 | \$ 85,337 | \$ 68,591 | \$ 98,060 | \$ 12,723 | 14.91% |
| Health Insurance | \$ 22,592 | \$ 18,854 | \$ 16,488 | \$ 16,488 | \$ 24,000 | \$ 7,512 | 45.56% |
| All Other Benefits | \$ 25,904 | \$ 17,932 | \$ 24,185 | \$ 24,185 | \$ 26,693 | \$ 2,508 | 10.37% |
| Contracted Services | \$ 71,944 | \$ 47,146 | \$ 63,604 | \$ 62,654 | \$ 63,500 | \$ (104) | -0.16% |
| Tuition | \$ 148,873 | \$ 143,293 | \$ 155,329 | \$ 125,256 | \$ 93,350 | \$ (61,979) | -39.90% |
| Other Expenses: | \$ 4,650 | \$ 4,000 | \$ 4,950 | \$ 4,950 | \$ 4,950 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| Travel, Software, Supplies, Books, Equipment | | | | | | | |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION | \$ 461,391 | \$ 411,695 | \$ 456,902 | \$ 409,133 | \$ 428,201 | \$ (28,701) | -6.28% |
| CO-CURRICULAR | | | | | | | |
| Advisors | \$ 11,600 | \$ 6,696 | \$ 7,133 | \$ 7,133 | \$ 7,133 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| Coaches | \$ - | \$ 2,350 | \$ 6,200 | \$ 6,200 | \$ 9,950 | \$ 3,750 | 60.48% |
| Officials | \$ 7,000 | \$ 6,320 | \$ 7,000 | \$ 3,500 | \$ 3,700 | \$ (3,300) | -47.14% |
| Transportation | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 14,180 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 6,000 | \$ (8,180) | -57.69% |
| Supplies | \$ 2,250 | \$ 2,741 | \$ 2,250 | \$ 2,250 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 750 | 33.33% |
| Dues and Fees | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,000 | 100.00% |
| Other - Travel, Equipment | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,105 | \$ 1,100 | \$ 1,250 | \$ 145 | 13.12% |
| CO-CURRICULAR | \$ 20,850 | \$ 18,107 | \$ 37,868 | \$ 25,183 | \$ 33,033 | \$ (4,835) | -12.77% |

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 1999-2000 PROPOSED BUDGET

| Description | 98-99 | 98-99 | 99-00 | 99-00 | 00-01 | 99-00 Budget to proposed | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Estim. Actual | Proposed | \$ | % |
| GUIDANCE SERVICES | | | | | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 31,714 | \$ 36,198 | \$ 41,958 | \$ 41,958 | \$ 43,481 | \$ 1,523 | 3.63% |
| All Benefits | \$ 8,019 | \$ 7,520 | \$ 8,032 | \$ 8,032 | \$ 8,104 | \$ 72 | 0.90% |
| Testing | \$ 2,000 | \$ 1,076 | \$ 2,000 | \$ 1,600 | \$ 1,600 | \$ (400) | -20.00% |
| Supplies | \$ 246 | \$ 269 | \$ 246 | \$ 500 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 754 | 306.50% |
| Books | \$ 135 | \$ - | \$ 135 | \$ 150 | \$ 150 | \$ 15 | 11.11% |
| GUIDANCE SERVICES | \$ 42,114 | \$ 45,063 | \$ 52,371 | \$ 52,240 | \$ 54,335 | \$ 1,964 | 3.75% |
| HEALTH SERVICES | | | | | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 17,454 | \$ 18,700 | \$ 26,371 | \$ 26,371 | \$ 28,334 | \$ 1,963 | 7.44% |
| All Benefits | \$ 7,313 | \$ 6,982 | \$ 10,766 | \$ 10,766 | \$ 10,450 | \$ (316) | -2.94% |
| Supplies | \$ 425 | \$ 999 | \$ 425 | \$ 425 | \$ 450 | \$ 25 | 5.88% |
| Equipment | \$ 200 | \$ - | \$ 200 | \$ 100 | \$ - | \$ (200) | -100.00% |
| HEALTH SERVICES | \$ 25,392 | \$ 26,681 | \$ 37,762 | \$ 37,662 | \$ 39,234 | \$ 1,472 | 3.90% |
| STAFF/CURR. DEVELOPMENT | | | | | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 2,000 | \$ 1,205 | \$ 2,000 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 1,000 | 50.00% |
| Staff Development | \$ 3,500 | \$ 2,999 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 7,500 | \$ 1,500 | 25.00% |
| Workshops | \$ 5,500 | \$ 5,715 | \$ 7,000 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 3,000 | \$ (4,000) | -57.14% |
| STAFF/CURR. DEVELOPMENT | \$ 11,000 | \$ 9,919 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 9,000 | \$ 13,500 | \$ (1,500) | -10.00% |

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 1999-2000 PROPOSED BUDGET

| Description | 98-99 | | 98-99 | | 99-00 | | 99-00 | | 00-01 | | 99-00 Budget to proposed | |
|--|------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------|
| | Budget | | Actual | | Budget | | Estim. Actual | | Proposed | | \$ | % |
| LIBRARY SERVICES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 33,790 | \$ | 32,934 | \$ | 37,139 | \$ | 37,333 | \$ | 39,631 | \$ | 2,492 | 6.71% |
| All Benefits | \$ 4,407 | \$ | 3,439 | \$ | 4,605 | \$ | 9,605 | \$ | 10,450 | \$ | 5,845 | 126.93% |
| Contracted Services | \$ 1,250 | \$ | 170 | \$ | 1,250 | \$ | 500 | \$ | 600 | \$ | (650) | -52.00% |
| Supplies | \$ 618 | \$ | 718 | \$ | 650 | \$ | 650 | \$ | 720 | \$ | 70 | 10.77% |
| Books | \$ 6,120 | \$ | 5,432 | \$ | 6,120 | \$ | 6,000 | \$ | 6,000 | \$ | (120) | -1.96% |
| Software | \$ 428 | \$ | 164 | \$ | 475 | \$ | | \$ | 4,865 | \$ | 4,390 | 924.21% |
| Equipment | \$ 500 | \$ | - | \$ | 500 | \$ | | \$ | 2,400 | \$ | 1,900 | 380.00% |
| LIBRARY SERVICES | \$ 47,113 | \$ | 42,857 | \$ | 50,739 | \$ | 54,088 | \$ | 64,666 | \$ | 13,927 | 27.45% |
| SCHOOL BOARD | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salaries - Board members, Dist. Officers | \$ 2,790 | \$ | 2,920 | \$ | 2,790 | \$ | 2,050 | \$ | 2,400 | \$ | (390) | -13.98% |
| Fringes | \$ - | \$ | - | \$ | 203 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | (203) | -100.00% |
| Contracted Services - Legal, Audit Negotiations, Dist. Meeting | \$ 10,200 | \$ | 19,971 | \$ | 10,200 | \$ | 26,700 | \$ | 11,550 | \$ | 1,350 | 13.24% |
| Advertising | \$ 5,100 | \$ | 1,153 | \$ | 5,100 | \$ | 2,500 | \$ | 2,500 | \$ | (2,600) | -50.98% |
| Dues and Fees | \$ - | \$ | 2,500 | \$ | - | \$ | 2,800 | \$ | 3,500 | \$ | 3,500 | 100.00% |
| SCHOOL BOARD | \$ 18,090 | \$ | 26,544 | \$ | 18,293 | \$ | 34,050 | \$ | 19,950 | \$ | 1,657 | 9.06% |

| Description | 98-99 | 98-99 | 99-00 | 99-00 | 00-01 | 99-00 Budget to proposed | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Estim. Actual | Proposed | \$ | % |
| SUPERINTENDENT SERVICES | | | | | | | |
| Contracted Service - Superintendent, Bus. Admin., Special Ed. Coord., Adm. Asst., Start up equip. and supplies | \$ 82,628 | \$ 82,628 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 98,000 | \$ 95,000 | \$ (5,000) | -5.00% |
| Other expenses - Dues & Fees, Travel, Supplies | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 | 100.00% |
| SUPERINTENDENT SERVICES | \$ 82,628 | \$ 82,628 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 98,000 | \$ 98,000 | \$ (2,000) | -2.00% |
| PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE | | | | | | | |
| Salaries - Principal, Secretaries | \$ 90,861 | \$ 91,734 | \$ 93,766 | \$ 84,679 | \$ 105,160 | \$ 11,394 | 12.15% |
| All Benefits | \$ 19,531 | \$ 21,464 | \$ 20,648 | \$ 18,000 | \$ 24,000 | \$ 3,352 | 16.23% |
| Contracted Services | \$ 3,100 | \$ 7,549 | \$ 3,100 | \$ 3,500 | \$ 8,000 | \$ 4,900 | 158.06% |
| Phone | \$ 4,400 | \$ 6,132 | \$ 4,400 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 7,000 | \$ 2,600 | 59.09% |
| Postage | \$ - | \$ 136 | \$ - | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | 100.00% |
| Printing | \$ - | \$ 1,631 | \$ - | \$ 1,500 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 1,500 | 100.00% |
| Travel | \$ - | \$ 1,761 | \$ - | \$ 700 | \$ 750 | \$ 750 | 100.00% |
| Supplies/Subscriptions | \$ 11,700 | \$ 10,192 | \$ 11,700 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 1,500 | \$ (10,200) | -87.18% |
| Equipment | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 6,000 | \$ 6,000 | 100.00% |
| Dues and Fees | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 6,000 | \$ 6,000 | 100.00% |
| PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE | \$ 129,592 | \$ 140,599 | \$ 133,614 | \$ 115,379 | \$ 160,410 | \$ 26,796 | 20.05% |
| FOOD SERVICE | | | | | | | |
| Salaries | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 10,000 | \$ 12,000 | \$ 12,000 | 100.00% |
| Contracted Service | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 24,000 | \$ 18,290 | \$ 20,000 | \$ (4,000) | -16.67% |
| FOOD SERVICE | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 24,000 | \$ 28,290 | \$ 32,000 | \$ 8,000 | 33.33% |

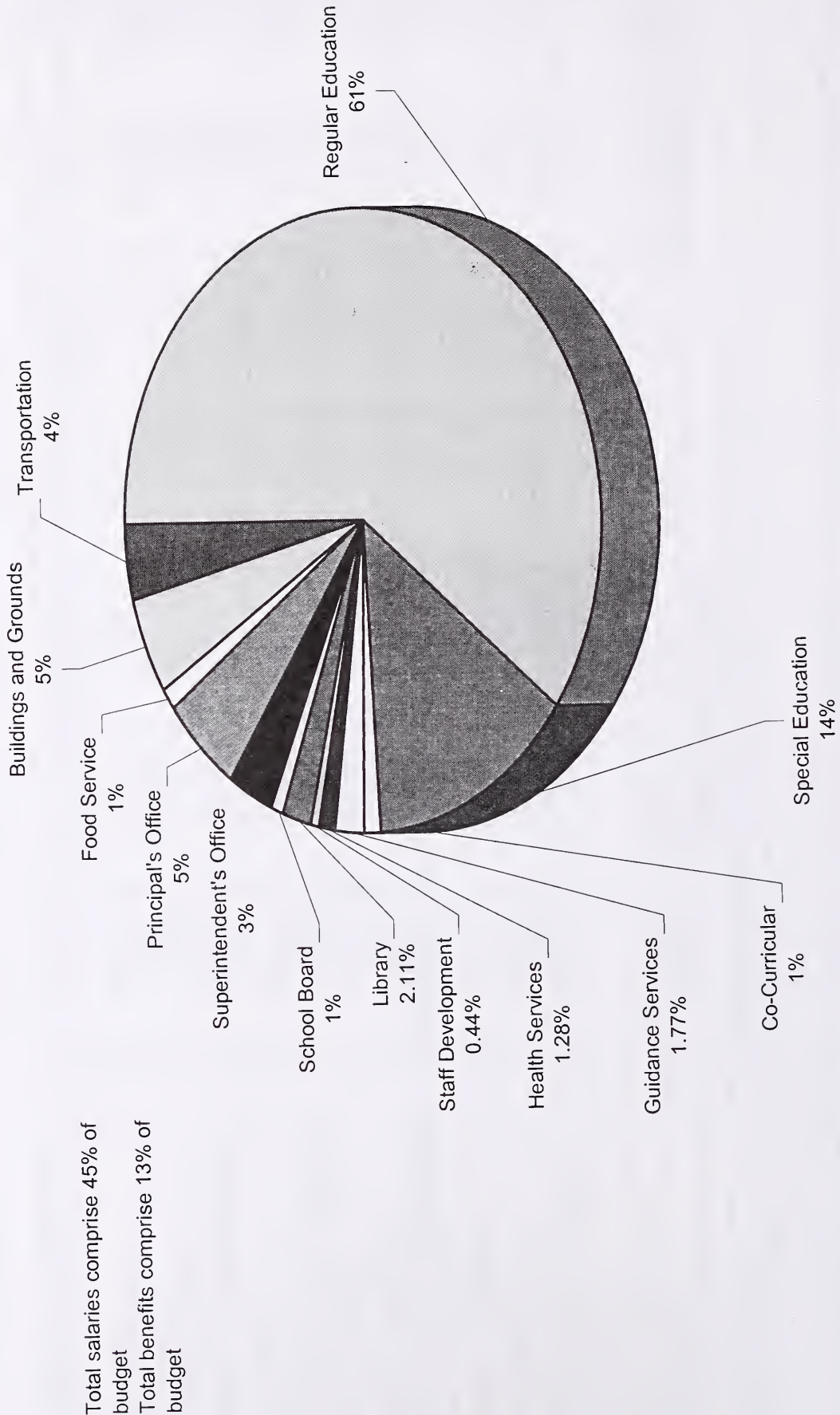
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 1999-2000 PROPOSED BUDGET

| Description | 98-99 | 98-99 | 99-00 | 99-00 | 00-01 | 99-00 Budget to proposed | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Estim. Actual | Proposed | \$ | % |
| BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS | | | | | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 47,882 | \$ 47,685 | \$ 44,247 | \$ 46,847 | \$ 52,850 | \$ 8,603 | 19.44% |
| All Benefits | \$ 10,982 | \$ 13,248 | \$ 15,403 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 17,026 | \$ 1,623 | 10.54% |
| Repairs | \$ 7,000 | \$ 17,016 | \$ 39,000 | \$ 39,000 | \$ 12,000 | \$ (27,000) | -69.23% |
| Contracted Services | \$ 5,420 | \$ 3,009 | \$ 5,420 | \$ 5,420 | \$ 12,000 | \$ 6,580 | 121.40% |
| Supplies | \$ 10,800 | \$ 8,287 | \$ 10,800 | \$ 10,800 | \$ 11,000 | \$ 200 | 1.85% |
| Electric | \$ 15,800 | \$ 12,819 | \$ 15,800 | \$ 16,000 | \$ 16,500 | \$ 700 | 4.43% |
| Oil | \$ 9,400 | \$ 6,276 | \$ 5,400 | \$ 7,000 | \$ 8,000 | \$ 2,600 | 48.15% |
| Equipment | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,178 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 8,000 | \$ 7,000 | 700.00% |
| Property Insurance | \$ 9,726 | \$ 9,726 | \$ 9,726 | \$ 9,726 | \$ 9,726 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| Staff Improvement | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 | 100.00% |
| BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS | \$ 123,010 | \$ 124,244 | \$ 146,796 | \$ 150,793 | \$ 152,102 | \$ 5,306 | 3.61% |
| TRANSPORTATION | | | | | | | |
| Contracted Services | \$ 113,026 | \$ 110,371 | \$ 122,508 | \$ 122,508 | \$ 123,578 | \$ 1,070 | 0.87% |
| TRANSPORTATION | \$ 113,026 | \$ 110,371 | \$ 122,508 | \$ 122,508 | \$ 123,578 | \$ 1,070 | 0.87% |
| DEBT SERVICE | | | | | | | |
| Bond Payment | \$ 49,590 | \$ 49,590 | \$ 46,530 | \$ 46,530 | \$ - | \$ (46,530) | -100.00% |
| DEBT SERVICE | \$ 49,590 | \$ 49,590 | \$ 46,530 | \$ 46,530 | \$ - | \$ (46,530) | -100.00% |
| FUND TRANSFER | \$ 23,188 | \$ - | \$ 23,188 | | | | |
| GRAND TOTALS | \$ 2,916,854 | \$ 2,795,545 | \$ 3,085,255 | \$ 2,978,438 | \$ 3,070,432 | \$ (14,823) | -0.48% |

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 1999-2000 PROPOSED BUDGET

| EXPENDITURE SUMMARY | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Description | 98-99 | 98-99 | 99-00 | 99-00 | 00-01 | 99-00 Budget to proposed |
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Estim. Actual | Proposed | \$ % |
| REGULAR INSTRUCTION | \$ 1,769,870 | \$ 1,707,247 | \$ 1,819,684 | \$ 1,795,582 | \$ 1,851,423 | \$ 31,739 1.74% |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION | \$ 461,391 | \$ 411,695 | \$ 456,902 | \$ 409,133 | \$ 428,201 | \$ (28,701) -6.28% |
| CO-CURRICULAR | \$ 20,850 | \$ 18,107 | \$ 37,868 | \$ 25,183 | \$ 33,033 | \$ (4,835) -12.77% |
| GUIDANCE SERVICES | \$ 42,114 | \$ 45,063 | \$ 52,371 | \$ 52,240 | \$ 54,335 | \$ 1,964 3.75% |
| HEALTH SERVICES | \$ 25,392 | \$ 26,681 | \$ 37,762 | \$ 37,662 | \$ 39,234 | \$ 1,472 3.90% |
| STAFF/CURR. DEVELOPMENT | \$ 11,000 | \$ 9,919 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 9,000 | \$ 13,500 | \$ (1,500) -10.00% |
| LIBRARY SERVICES | \$ 47,113 | \$ 42,857 | \$ 50,739 | \$ 54,088 | \$ 64,666 | \$ 13,927 27.45% |
| SCHOOL BOARD | \$ 18,090 | \$ 26,544 | \$ 18,293 | \$ 34,050 | \$ 19,950 | \$ 1,657 9.06% |
| SUPERINTENDENT SERVICES | \$ 82,628 | \$ 82,628 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 98,000 | \$ 98,000 | \$ (2,000) -2.00% |
| PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE | \$ 129,592 | \$ 140,599 | \$ 133,614 | \$ 115,379 | \$ 160,410 | \$ 26,796 20.05% |
| FOOD SERVICE | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 24,000 | \$ 28,290 | \$ 32,000 | \$ 8,000 33.33% |
| BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS | \$ 123,010 | \$ 124,244 | \$ 146,796 | \$ 150,793 | \$ 152,102 | \$ 5,306 3.61% |
| TRANSPORTATION | \$ 113,026 | \$ 110,371 | \$ 122,508 | \$ 122,508 | \$ 123,578 | \$ 1,070 0.87% |
| DEBT SERVICE | \$ 49,590 | \$ 49,590 | \$ 46,530 | \$ 46,530 | \$ - | \$ (46,530) -100.00% |
| FUND TRANSFER | \$ 23,188 | \$ - | \$ 23,188 | | | \$ (23,188) -100.00% |
| GRAND TOTALS | \$ 2,916,854 | \$ 2,795,545 | \$ 3,085,255 | \$ 2,978,438 | \$ 3,070,432 | \$ (14,823) -0.48% |

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION



| REVENUE BUDGET | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Description | 98-99 Actual | 99-00 Projected | 00-01 Anticipated | Projected Variance | |
| | | | | \$ | % |
| LOCAL REVENUE | | | | | |
| Undesignated Fund Balance | \$ 90,119 | \$ 80,512 | \$ 80,000 | \$ (512) | -0.64% |
| Interest | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 500 | 25.00% |
| Food Service Sales | \$ - | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| Other Income | \$ 10,129 | \$ 10,258 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 4,742 | 46.23% |
| TOTAL LOCAL | \$ 102,248 | \$ 112,770 | \$ 117,500 | \$ 4,730 | 4.19% |
| STATE REVENUE | | | | | |
| Foundation Aid | \$ 58,945 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 0.00% |
| Building Aid | \$ 14,495 | \$ 14,319 | \$ - | \$ (14,319) | -100.00% |
| Catastrophic Aid | \$ 48,619 | \$ 96,862 | \$ 66,828 | \$ (30,034) | -31.01% |
| Kindergarten Aid | \$ 20,250 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 0.00% |
| NH Adequacy Grant | \$ - | \$ 734,981 | \$ 734,981 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| TOTAL STATE | \$ 142,309 | \$ 846,162 | \$ 801,809 | \$ (44,353) | -5.24% |
| FEDERAL REVENUE | | | | | |
| Medicaid Reimbursement | \$ 15,000 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 15,000 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| Federal Programs | \$ 15,000 | \$ 23,131 | \$ 23,131 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| TOTAL FEDERAL | \$ 30,000 | \$ 38,131 | \$ 38,131 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| TOTAL LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL | \$ 274,557 | \$ 997,063 | \$ 957,440 | \$ (39,623) | -3.97% |
| DISTRICT ASSESSMENT | \$ 2,690,463 | \$ 2,088,192 | \$ 2,112,992 | \$ 24,800 | 1.19% |
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | \$ 2,922,064 | \$ 3,085,255 | \$ 3,070,432 | \$ (14,823) | -0.48% |

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT----F/Y 1999

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE--JULY 1, 1998: \$52,319.37

F/Y 1998 REVENUES AND RECEIPTS:

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD FUNDS RECEIVED: \$2,765,463.00

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| New HampshireCatastrophic Aid | \$48,619.06 |
| New Hampshire Building Aid | \$14,495.10 |
| New Hampshire Foundation Aid | \$39,064.00 |
| New Hampshire Kindergarten Aid | \$24,000.00 |
| TOTAL STATE FUNDS RECEIVED: | \$126,178.16 |

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Federal Preschool Aid | \$2,925.00 |
| Federal Drug Free Grant | \$1,359.00 |
| Federal SE Idea Program | \$20,594.27 |
| Federal Title VI Funds | \$4,900.00 |
| Federal Block Grants | \$641.65 |
| TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED: | \$30,419.92 |

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Transfer from Capital Reserve Trust Fund | \$40,000.00 |
| Refunds, Reimbursements & Misc. | \$6,626.52 |
| NH Medicaid Reimbursements | \$12,996.32 |
| TOTAL TRANSFERS, REFUNDS & MISC. RECEIVED: | \$59,622.84 |

BANK ACCOUNT INTEREST RECEIVED: \$910.13

TOTAL F/Y 1998 REVENUES AND RECEIPTS: \$2,982,594.05

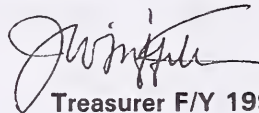
TOTAL F/Y 1998 AVAILABLE: \$3,034,913.42

LESS SCHOOL BOARD GENERAL & FEDERAL FUND ORDERS PAID: (\$2,954,925.46)

ENDING CASH BALANCE--JUNE 30, 1999: \$79,987.96

Respectfully Submitted,

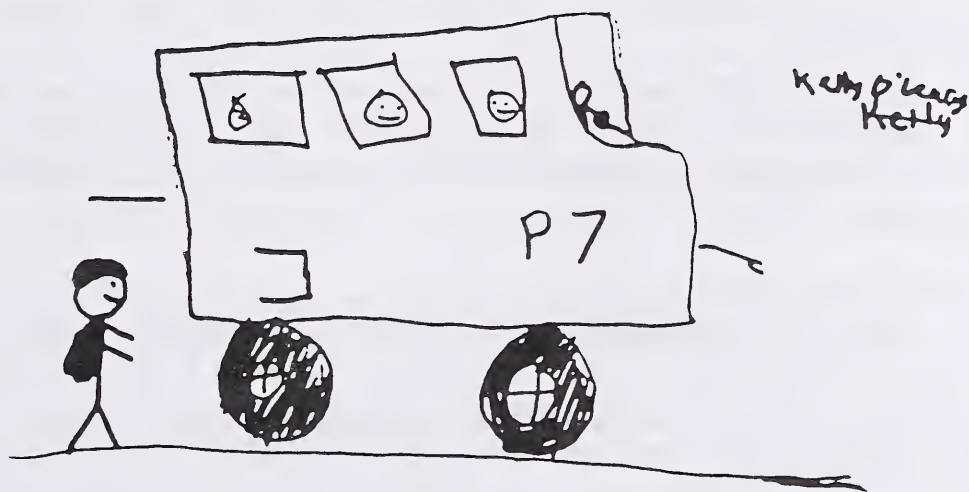
James W. Griffiths



Treasurer F/Y 1999

IDEA & Preschool Entitlement Funds: Application for Plainfield School District.

IDEA entitlement and preschool funds are based on the actual number of special needs students in the districts. Based on an estimated grant of \$541 per special need student in Fiscal Year 00, it is expected that Plainfield will qualify for a total grant of **\$23,052** in FY 2001. These funds must be used to supplement our local expenditures. They cannot be used to reduce an amount spent by local funds in a prior fiscal year. During the current fiscal year these funds were used to pay for such services as student evaluations and related support services. Some of the funds are used to help us actively seek out, locate and evaluate children who may be eligible for special education services. Federal law requires that we do this. The specific manner in which we propose to spend these funds is outlined in a grant application which will be submitted in June of 2000. Delivery of the services proposed is contingent upon the approval of the application and the actual receipt of funds.



1999-2000 PLAINFIELD TEACHERS' SALARY SCHEDULE

Track Increment .034
Step Increment .0368

| STEP | BA/BS | BA+15 | BA+30/MA | MA+15 | M+30 |
|------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 0 | \$22,822 | \$23,598 | \$24,400 | \$25,230 | \$26,088 |
| 1 | \$23,662 | \$24,466 | \$25,298 | \$26,158 | \$27,048 |
| 2 | \$24,533 | \$25,367 | \$26,229 | \$27,121 | \$28,043 |
| 3 | \$25,435 | \$26,300 | \$27,194 | \$28,119 | \$29,075 |
| 4 | \$26,371 | \$27,268 | \$28,195 | \$29,154 | \$30,145 |
| 5 | \$27,342 | \$28,272 | \$29,233 | \$30,227 | \$31,254 |
| 6 | \$28,348 | \$29,312 | \$30,309 | \$31,339 | \$32,405 |
| 7 | \$29,391 | \$30,391 | \$31,424 | \$32,492 | \$33,597 |
| 8 | \$30,473 | \$31,509 | \$33,580 | \$33,688 | \$34,833 |
| 9 | \$31,594 | \$32,668 | \$33,779 | \$34,928 | \$36,115 |
| 10 | \$32,757 | \$33,871 | \$35,022 | \$36,213 | \$37,444 |
| 11 | \$33,962 | \$35,117 | \$36,311 | \$37,546 | \$38,822 |
| 12 | \$35,212 | \$36,409 | \$37,647 | \$38,927 | \$40,251 |
| 13 | \$36,508 | \$37,749 | \$39,033 | \$40,360 | \$41,732 |
| 14 | \$37,852 | \$39,138 | \$40,469 | \$41,845 | \$43,268 |

LONGEVITY:

- a. Members of the bargaining unit who have worked in the District for 5 years and who have been at the top of their salary scale for at least one year will receive an additional payment equal to .0368 times their salary.
- b. Members of the bargaining unit who have received benefit (a) for five consecutive years shall receive an additional payment of \$1,500.
- c. Teachers will be placed on step and track appropriate for experience and education

Plainfield School Board Report

It was with some trepidation that I accepted the role of Chair of the Plainfield School Board last spring. The work that lay ahead for the District was intimidating, to say the least. The Board faced the daunting task of transitioning the school and community into a single-district SAU. The promise and excitement of new opportunities were tempered by the realities of navigating nearly uncharted waters. A contract for Central Office Services was secured with TRACE Educational Services, Inc. based on the recommendations of the SAU Reorganization Study Committee. On June 9th, Joseph DellaBadia, Ed.D., Executive Director of TRACE, introduced the new Superintendent, Supervisor of Special Education, and Business Manager. The sense of being prepared was short-lived, however, for at the end of the month, we were engaged in a search for a new Principal. Under the guidance of Joe DellaBadia, the school and community undertook a search process that culminated in our good fortune in hiring Andrew J. Mellow, B.S., M.A.

Due in part to the work of the previous administration, the Board appointed and charged a Building Committee with developing a 10 Year Facility Plan for the maintenance and, if necessary, the remodeling and expansion of the Plainfield School based upon current and anticipated program needs. The diligent work of this subcommittee of the Board resulted in a recommendation and proposal that was unanimously accepted by the Board in January 2000. The proposed building and remodeling project in its final form reflects the work of the committee, the input of the board, the administration, the school, and the community as elicited through a series of community forums. We, the Board, support and are committed to this building project. It is a modest yet comprehensive proposal that is sorely needed for programs supporting our educational philosophy and mission statement.

The Plainfield School outgrew its current space some time ago. Every conceivable corner serves multiple purposes - often at intangible cost to the instruction / program (i.e., programs are limited to what can be offered on mobile carts, the front lobby often doubles as instructional or office space, meetings take place in the nurse's sick room, and music instruction can be heard coming from the janitor's closet).

The School Board feels strongly that this is the time to undertake a building project for a number of reasons:

- A new Kindergarten that meets State standards will free up another room, thereby finally allowing for single grade classes at every grade level.
- The State of New Hampshire's Kindergarten Construction Grant will fund 75% of the cost of constructing a new Kindergarten. We have received written assurance from the Commissioner of Education that we have met all of the criteria for approval and that the Department of Education is

reserving \$169,860 for us dependent only on the approval of this construction.

- The building project will replace the leaky roof that has troubled us for years.
- We are debt-free, having made the last payment on the debt service incurred with the previous addition.
- We will apply for Building Aid that will defray approximately 30% of the cost of the remainder of the project.

Keep in mind the New Hampshire Adequacy Grant. Many of us have come to refer to this as the Claremont lawsuit "tax cut" we received, yet the Board urges you to recall the spirit of this legislation. The intent is to provide for adequate educational programs supported by a fairer statewide property tax. Although applying the entire sum to tax relief is appealing, we believe the more responsible action would be to approve this building project and accept a slightly smaller tax break. Plainfield is at a unique place in time when we can undertake a meaningful building project without experiencing a burdensome tax increase. Your vote on this Article will in part determine the limitations placed on what we can offer our students - your children, your grandchildren, and prospective residents.

As expected with a new and independent Central Office, some of what we bring before you this year is being presented in a different format, but please don't allow the format to distract you. A review of the article to raise and appropriate \$ 3,070,432 and budget worksheets will reveal a virtually level-funded "bottom line".

The additional costs attributed to increases in salaries and benefits as negotiated in collective bargaining settlements with the Professional and Support Staff have been placed in the general budget rather than in a separate warrant article this year. This is an affirmation of the Board's support of the faculty and staff of the Plainfield School as well as a reflection of how work, common sense, and compromise allowed all parties to realize reasonable goals during negotiations. The District is a conscientious and responsible employer offering a solid salary and benefits package that is very much in line with comparable school districts. This was achieved despite a predicted 26.9% increase in the cost of health care benefits, an issue that strained negotiations and budgets in many nearby districts.

The Board is also requesting that the District create and appropriate \$20,000 to a Special Education Reserve Fund. As with a Capital Reserve Fund, we hope to eventually have enough money set aside in this fund to absorb unanticipated or catastrophic expenses, thereby avoiding the need for any future deficit budget appropriations.

Our proposed budget and building plans have been well prepared, justified, and thoroughly scrutinized. The Finance Committee has met with us and offered valuable input that we have integrated into our plans.

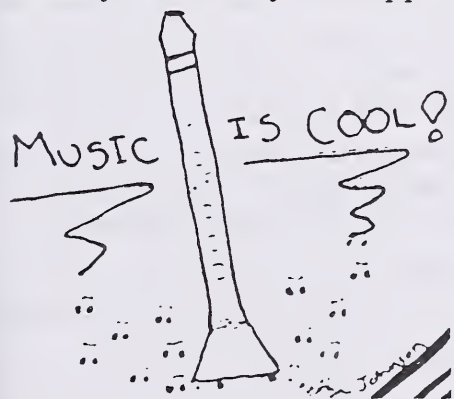
The end of this academic year will mark a new beginning for two retiring faculty. Pat Gosselin, who is completing her twenty-second year at Plainfield School, is looking forward to investing more time and energy in the people and projects in her personal life. A patient, understanding, and devoted Reading Specialist, she has touched the life of each and every reader in our school. She will be greatly missed, for she is loved and respected by all. Joanne Long, a dedicated and truly organized Special Education Teacher, retires after eighteen years of distinguished service to the Plainfield School. Known as a true child advocate, Joanne looks forward to spending more time with her grandchildren. Please join us in congratulating them and wishing them well.

We acknowledge and thank Carl Strong for his six years of service on the School Board. Carl, the last member to retire from the Board that received the Buckalew Report, has seen our school through some challenging and exciting times. He will be remembered for his tireless advocacy of curriculum reform, conservative budgets, and his role in steering us through the SAU study and reorganization process. Carl's commitment to our children, school, and community has been remarkable. Enjoy your free time, Carl.

A standing ovation is in order for Steve Beaupre for his outstanding job as Interim Principal this past spring and summer. Unselfishly, Steve stepped forward and assumed all the administrative responsibilities of the front office from June through August. His work on the SAU transition and school opening was invaluable. Thank you, Steve.

"Thank you" is also in order to all those who supported us and worked so diligently on committees this past year. Your dedication and hard work on the SAU Reorganization Committee, the Principal's Search Committee, and the Building Committee exceeded our expectations.

We are fortunate to have such involved parents and dedicated teachers, administrators, and community members. We look forward to continuing our work with you on behalf of the students in Plainfield School. Thank you for all your support!



Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,
JoElla McCarragher, Chair

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I am pleased to report that the Plainfield School has survived the separation from Lebanon and is up and running on its own. It has been a landmark year for our tiny school and community with SAU 32 now only representing Plainfield. Although there have been some hurdles to get over, for the most part the transition has been positive. I was privileged to be selected to take over for Dr. Frank Perotti in August. It was obvious to me immediately that the school community was excited to be on its own. People saw possibilities in all aspects of the school that seemed hidden before. That same excitement and enthusiasm spilled over into the staff. They were ready to move ahead with the new administration and SAU leadership. I have spent my first six months getting to know the school community and the established curricula, activities, policies and programs. I am very impressed by the dedication and commitment of the staff, involvement of parents, interest of the community and motivation of the students. Plainfield Elementary School is a great school. My hope is to maintain the level of excitement by working closely with all stakeholders to meet Plainfield's established mission.

It is an exciting time to be working in and attending the Plainfield School. State test results in the third and sixth grades indicate that we are moving in the right direction in aligning our curriculum with the state frameworks. Curriculum work continues this year building on what was accomplished in past years, with concentration in math and science. The use of technology increases each day as another student learns how to unlock the possibilities of the computer. Mary Cantlin, our technology coordinator, continues to teach students and staff how to use technology to access information and manipulate it more efficiently. Teachers and paraprofessionals, like Mark Woodcock and Fawn Goodrow, our kindergarten teacher and library aide, have shared their excitement for technology with others in workshops. Mark has presented several sessions on the use of the scanner and digital photography. Fawn meets regularly with the third grade to teach them the keys on the keyboard and basic word processing and spreadsheet skills. The arts programs have captured the attention of every Plainfield student if not in art and music classes then in the band, chorus, jazz band, drama or special programs with visiting artists like Michael Zerphy and Mary Cay Brass. The arts opportunities have expanded outside the walls of the school taking students to places including the Hood Museum, Currier Art Gallery, Hopkins Center and Shaker Museum. Plainfield students have also been fortunate to have the opportunity to pursue string instruction privately in school during the regular school day. Special education received some support this year with the addition of a half-time teacher. This addition has given us the ability to meet the objectives in every student's individual educational plan. Along with the teaching support, our school is receiving money from the state to assist us in aligning our students' educational plans with the State curriculum frameworks. This assistance was one of the results of an evaluation done of our special education services completed last spring by teachers and parents. I have only described some of what is happening in our school. I haven't mentioned the athletic teams, academic competitions, PTA events and many classroom projects.

Our school is a busy place and with the increased opportunities and activities for students comes the need for space. The band program needs practice space for small group lessons. With the art and music programs sharing the same space often music classes are held in the students' classrooms. The art/music room is next to a fifth grade classroom. Band rehearsals are clearly heard in the surrounding rooms. As special education services have increased, space has become harder to find to deliver services. Study halls for small group instruction are placed in any available space including the hall outside the library. Speech services are delivered in any open space including the library. Space for the superintendent and administrative assistant is cramped and non-existent for the special education director. In order to address these needs, the voters of Plainfield will be considering a building proposal. I believe that this addition and remodeling project will comfortably meet our space demands for the present and future. I urge you to carefully consider this proposal.

Several new people joined our staff this year and one returned after taking a year's leave of absence. We were happy to welcome Julie Levy back from her experience teaching English in Ecuador, South America. She is working with Gema Pushee to teach Spanish to the seventh and eighth grade students. Gema is completing her first year teaching Spanish to our fifth and sixth graders. Gema brings a unique perspective to our Spanish curriculum since she grew up in Madrid, Spain. Kathryn Mortimer joined our staff in September to teach art. With her direction our art curriculum has taken off. Our students are being exposed to experiences with a wide variety of mediums. Their work can be seen displayed throughout the building. Jonni Nichols joined the staff midway through the year. She works half-time with children who have disabilities. Jonni has also initiated a school newspaper where students' works are featured. Elizabeth Givens rejoined the staff as an educational assistant in the sixth grade. Debra Wilber was hired just after the year started as an educational assistant in the fourth grade. Tara Olcott assists students in the seventh and eighth grades. Carrie Boughton, a Plainfield graduate, was employed by us to work with a student with multiple handicaps. Sandy Mortillaro was hired to coordinate our hot lunch program. Since Plainfield's lunch program was handled by Lebanon in the past, this was a new experience for us. Sandy has managed the job and program very well. She does everything from counting the money, to serving the food, to driving the food service van.

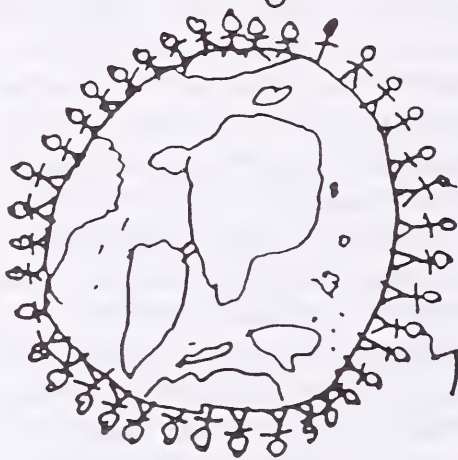
Unfortunately for our school and the teaching profession two staff members have decided that it is time to leave Plainfield and the teaching ranks. Joanne Long and Pat Gosselin will retire at the end of this school year. Joanne has worked with our special education population for 18 years. She will be completing a teaching career that started in Hawaii and spans 34 years. Her role in our school has had her working closely with students, teachers and parents. Everyone will miss her calm demeanor and "can do" attitude. Pat has decided it is time to take her husband up on the travel he has been promising for years. Pat started at Plainfield in 1978 after teaching English and reading in West Lebanon for five years. She has been the reading teacher throughout her tenure. It has been through Pat's efforts that many of our students can read today. We will miss her expertise, humor and wisdom.

Before closing I want to recognize two people who provided the glue that patched together the end of last year to the beginning of this year. Connie Adams Brady and Steve Beaupre worked countless hours last summer to prepare for this school year. The Plainfield community is fortunate to have two such caring and dedicated people.

I tell people that the Plainfield School is the best kept secret in the Upper Valley. Everyone: parents, community members, volunteers, custodians, bus drivers, coaches, teachers and students, work together to create a positive and stimulating learning environment. I am very impressed with the level of cooperation and involvement by all parties. I look forward to working with everyone as we proceed in the new millennium.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. Mellow
Principal



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The year 2000
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As you know, the school year 1999-2000 is the first year in which Plainfield is operating as a separate (that is, not connected to any other town or SAU) School District. While a change of this magnitude can be very challenging, it has brought with it opportunities for progress and improvement. I am pleased to report to you that the school and the District are meeting the challenges with enthusiasm and, in so doing, steering a new course aimed at capitalizing on the opportunities presented. Evidence of our progress may be seen in several areas:

1. It is clear that the School Board, the Administration, and the Staff are experiencing an enhancement of the much-desired concept of "local control". With central office administrators housed within the District, and with ready access and direct communication between the Board, the "central office", and the Principal, an improved sense of unity has been created, and continues to grow.
2. The spirit of cooperation and collaboration between the Board and the community has been highlighted by first, the efforts during the summer to secure the services of an outstanding Principal and second, the work of the Building Committee which brought forward its recommendation for expansion and renovation of the building; the School Board is now presenting this proposal for your consideration at the District Meeting.
3. My professional observation is that, largely as a result of the renewed spirit of "oneness" generated by the factors noted above, the general climate and atmosphere within the school, and between the school and community members -- parents in particular--can be characterized as positive, supportive, and mutually respectful. The most important result of that highly positive rapport is that the Plainfield School is a vibrant and exciting place for the education of our children.
4. Finally, it must be noted that the spirit of cooperation between the school and town -- that is, the town administration and all its agencies -- has been a key element in making this new venture successful. Assistance and support have been provided without hesitation, and in a manner that speaks well for all individuals responsible for the good of the town at large.

This report would not be complete without a note on the efforts and accomplishments of Principal Andy Mellow. Mr. Mellow was selected for the position on the basis of his background, his professionalism, and his character. The selection committee did its job well. Mr. Mellow has clearly demonstrated his skills as a school administrator and his commitment to the children and the town of Plainfield.

This has been, and remains, a year of transition. It is a harbinger of many good things to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Della Badia
Superintendent

Health Report 1999-2000

Understanding that "healthy children learn better" continues to be a major focus as the role of the school nurse expands and evolves here at Plainfield School. The school nurse/health educator assists in strengthening and facilitating the educational process by modifying or removing health-related barriers to learning in individual students and promoting an optimal level of wellness for all. This also includes preventive health education in accordance with sections of the health curriculum.

The health office continues to be a busy place. The school nurse serves as a health resource for students, staff and parents. Attention is particularly focused on infection control and the prevention and spread of communicable diseases in school. The nurse is also available for emergencies, illnesses, and sometimes just a little TLC. As in past years, sports physicals were updated and filed in grades 5-8, immunization records reviewed in all grades and reported to the state. Children in grades 1-8 participated in annual health screenings. Vision and hearing testing, heights and weight checks were evaluated and scoliosis checks were completed for grades 5-8. Thank you to Stephanie Berman, RN, Shirley Defoe, RN, Susan Hohmann, RN, Susan Reetz, RN, and Margie Lim-Morison, RN, for their assistance in this screening process.

The nurse is actively involved in co-chairing the Plainfield School Emergency Planning Committee along with Jim McCarragher, MSN, RN, of Cornish Rescue. This committee is comprised of staff and many community members including Police Chief Gordon Gillens, Fire Chief David Best, and Fire Chief Doug Plummer, who have all been working collaboratively in an effort to formulate specific emergency plans. You may have heard about the "mock drill" last May when the entire school population evacuated to KUA. We appreciate KUA's willingness to work closely with us and for sharing their facilities. This drill went extremely well and in a real event we now know this process would run quite smoothly. The committee has recommend making this a yearly event. Also added this year is an "Emergency Plan Flip Chart" and updated crisis plans. We also have a Crisis committee within the school. Drills are held routinely and we're very proud of how our students and faculty perform during drills. The committee is currently in the process of designating the school an emergency shelter through the Red Cross.

As a certified health educator, the nurse teaches 8th grade Health class 6 periods weekly, in addition to helping facilitate health education in all grades following a newly revised Health curriculum. Recent focuses have included Red Ribbon Week (drug and alcohol awareness). Heavy emphasis was placed on tobacco prevention this year with help from the NH Health and Human Services Tobacco Prevention Program. The younger students enjoyed a "Just Say No Magic Show" presented by Steve Thomas and jointly sponsored by the PTA, and once again the older students learned from a teen panel from Headrest on lifestyle choices. Chief Gillens spoke with the older students as well. World AIDS Day was remembered on Dec. 1st. AIDS/HIV education took place in all classrooms and red ribbons were available for all interested. The AIDS quilt movie played in the foyer

throughout the day. 8th graders will become certified in adult CPR with help from the Cornish Rescue Squad. Thank you to the squad for supplying all the booklets and materials needed. Women's Supportive Services was instrumental in teaching 7th and 8th graders about sexual harassment. We'll be looking forward to celebrating National Nutrition Month in March. This year Plainfield School has signed up to be a "Team Nutrition School." We had fun last year devoting a week to calcium and "Got Milk," which included a school-wide milk mustache photo. The children also enjoyed the next week which was devoted to fruits and vegetables and ended in a "fruit and vegetable boogie" with some very creative costumes! The 8th graders look forward to their simulated parenting exercise otherwise known as "flour babies" and a field trip to the DHMC Birthing Center and presentation to the class by Hannah House mothers. As the days continue there will be emphasis in all grades on the Health curriculum that includes nutrition, human growth and sexuality, disease prevention, personal health, hygiene, HIV/AIDS, safety and injury prevention and community and consumer health.

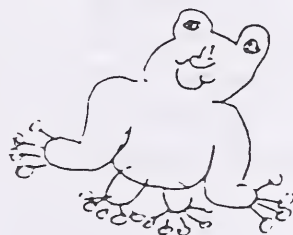
This year Plainfield School has been selected to participate in the **2000 New Hampshire Youth Tobacco Survey**. The NHYTS is designed to enhance our state's capacity to design, implement, and evaluate the youth component of the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program. We are pleased to be able to assist in this process.

The nurse was instrumental in completing a ski helmet order along with ski safety education in all grades with help from the Injury Prevention Center at DHMC and will be organizing a bike helmet order this spring. The nurse will also be chairperson of this year's Bike Safety Rodeo sponsored by the PTA. These orders and this event are always open to the community as well.

Registration for incoming kindergarten will be held here at Plainfield School in April. Parents and children are once again encouraged to familiarize themselves with the nurse and the nurse's office. We acquaint parents at this time with immunization requirements and review forms for pre-school physicals that will need to be completed and filed with the nurse by the start of school in September. I look forward to meeting you and your child. Please know that your visits and calls to this office as well as any of your question or ideas are always welcome. Your child's health and safety are my main concern.

Healthfully,
Karen Heaton, BSN, RN, IBCLC, Health Educator

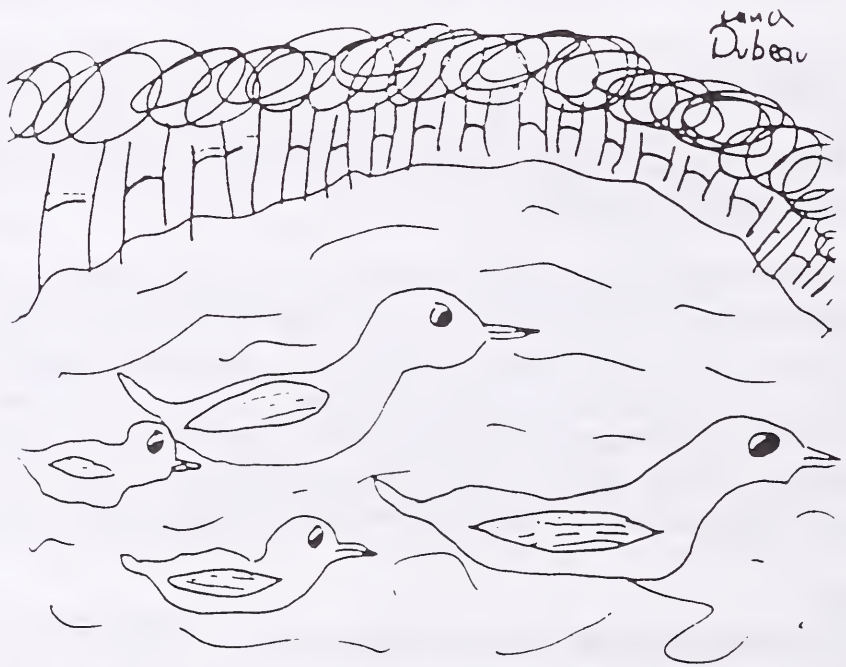
by Emily Sheeran



ENROLLMENT – OCTOBER 1, 1999

| GRADE | BOYS | GIRLS | TOTAL |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| K | 10 | 18 | 28 |
| 1 | 17 | 15 | 32 |
| 2 | 13 | 10 | 23 |
| 3 | 15 | 13 | 28 |
| 4 | 21 | 18 | 39 |
| 5 | 17 | 17 | 34 |
| 6 | 14 | 11 | 25 |
| 7 | 14 | 15 | 29 |
| 8 | <u>19</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>33</u> |
| SUB TOTAL | 140 | 131 | 271 |

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|----------------------------------|---|---|-----------|
| Total Home Study Students | 6 | 7 | <u>13</u> |
| TOTAL Enrollment with Home Study | | | 284 |



TUITION STUDENTS 1999-2000

Grade 9

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Sara Barton | Troy Heath | Justin Osgood |
| Megan Chapman | Benjamin Hegel | Anthony Philips |
| Richard Cunningham | Patrick Lundrigan | Travis Robinson |
| Jeremy Donovan | Pennington Marchael | Jacqueline Shibles |
| Heather Fegan | Todd Milo | Jerad Smith |
| Carol Fleming | Nathan Mispel | Sara Wuebben |
| Aaron Franklin | Casey Moore | Stephen Yeaton |

Grade 10

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Megan Adams | Kathy Gobin | Christopher Scott |
| Laura Angelillo | Joshua Johnson | Sarah Tetreault |
| Jennifer Bliven | Stephen Kelley | Trey Tyler |
| William Boehle | Benjamin Ladd | Shayla VanderVliet |
| Aricka Chapman | Hannah Mathewson | Eric Vigneault |
| Heather Dubeau | Brian McAllister | Justin Walker |
| Adam Gage | Jake Richards | Tiffany Williams |
| Marc Gattie | Daniel Robb | |

Grade 11

| | | |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Kelsey Allbright | Craig Lanzim | Garreth Smith |
| Emily Davis | Nicole Lavoie | Carrie Tenney |
| Amanda Denutte | Tara Lundrigan | Jesse Veverka |
| Tamara Heath | Abigale Marsh | Melissa Walker |
| Nicholas Johnson | Joshua Osgood | Molly Yeaton |
| Chelsea Jordan | Alicia Rawson | |

Grade 12

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Carelle Angelillo | Kascia Henderson | Danielle Rondeau |
| Jessica Beaver | Tamsyn Kenyon | Amanda Roy |
| Hilary Caruso | Buckley Lawrence | Adam Russo |
| Alaina Chapman | Daniel Lucier | Amanda Sharkey |
| Katie Chapman | Eric McAllister | Sarah Stephenson |
| Justin Darling | Kristin McNamara | Audrey Tacy |
| Kevin Didehbani | Ashley Moore | Zachary Thorne |
| Laura Franklin | Daniel O'Halloran | Ian Woodward-Poor |
| Eric Gattie | Justin Osgood | Lisa Wragg |
| Alysha Heimberg | Danielle Petrella | Jonathan Wuebben |

PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1999

Troy Beaver
Megan Chapman
Samuel Colburn
Richard Cunningham
Heather Fegan
Carol Fleming
Aaron Franklin
Troy Heath

Garret Heaton
Benjamin Hegel
Alexis Liston
Jared Malsin
Robert Marrazzo
Matthew Mills
Nathan Mispel
Casey Moore

Melissa Morgan
Justin Osgood
Rachael Ouellette
Travis Robinson
Larry Runk
Jacqueline Shibles
Kaitlyn White
Sara Wuebben

KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY

CLASS OF 1999

Phelan Brady
Brandon King
Jonathan Laflam
Amy LeClair
(Cum Laude)

Abigail Logan
(Cum Laude,
Valedictorian)
Matthew Marrazzo
Brendan Moeller

Juliana Mogielnicki
(Cum Laude,
Salutatorian)
Sarah Sprague
Ashley Vander Vliet
Ross Wood

KIMBALL UNION ACADEMY - 1999-2000

Grade 9

Troy Beaver
Samuel Colburn
Garret Heaton

Alexis Liston
Robert Marrazzo
Matthew Mills

Melissa Morgan
Rachael Ouellette

Grade 10

Anthony Bragg
Nathaniel Custer

John Mogielnicki
Alison Schubert

Elizabeth Sheehan

Grade 11

Marc Ambrosi
Henry Colburn
Christopher Farrell

Robin Liston
Elizabeth McNamara
Abigail Nintzel

Raymond Sprague
Anna Taupier

Grade 12

Jeffrey Cedeno
Kelly Farrell

Ransom Hall
Scott Liston

Marley Marchael
Benjamin Sheehan

PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
8TH GRADE GRADUATION AWARDS – JUNE 16, 1999

Academic Awards:

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| Mathematics | Matt Mills |
| Social Studies | Jared Malsin |
| English | Megan Chapman |
| Spanish | Aaron Franklin |
| Science | Megan Chapman |

Garipay - Beaupre Scholar - Athlete Award Megan Chapman

Grobe - Reisch Sportsmanship Award Matt Mills

Best Female Athlete Award Carol Fleming

Best Male Athlete Award Nathan Mispel & Troy Heath

Citizenship Award (PTA): Carol Fleming

Cory Taber Award: Rick Cunningham

Plainfield Education Association Scholarship Award: Megan Chapman

Presidential Academic Fitness Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement:

Megan Chapman, Sam Colburn, Carol Fleming, Troy Heath,
Garret Heaton, Jared Malsin, Matt Mills, Casey Moore

Teachers' Award: Jared Malsin

Music Awards:

Director's Award, Outstanding Contribution in Band: Troy Beaver

Director's Award, Outstanding Contribution in Chorus: Megan Chapman

Art Awards:

Artistic Achievement for Consistent Effort and Integrity while Expressing
Personal Voice: Megan Chapman, Sam Colburn, Heather Fegan,
Carol Fleming, Aaron Franklin, Troy Heath,
Garret Heaton, Jackie Shibles, Kaitlyn White

Honorable Mention for Incredible Progress this Spring in Developing
an Authentic Voice in both 2D and 3D: Rick Cunningham, Casey Moore

Pencil Award for the Artist Who has a Passion for Drawing:
Justin Osgood, Larry Runk

Drama Awards:

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| Director's Award: | Jackie Shibles |
| Most Entertaining Contribution in "Nifty Fifties": | Sam Colburn |
| Greatest Overall Contribution in "Nifty Fifties": | Sara Wuebben |
| Dramatic Achievement in "Nifty Fifties": | Ben Hegel, Alexis Liston, Drew Marrazzo, Melissa Morgan |

National Physical Fitness Award:

Megan Chapman, Carol Fleming,
Troy Heath, Alexis Liston, Matt Mills, Nathan Mispel, Kaitlyn White

Spanish Club Awards:

Heather Fegan, Garret Heaton,
Melissa Morgan, Rachael Ouellette

Student Council Awards:

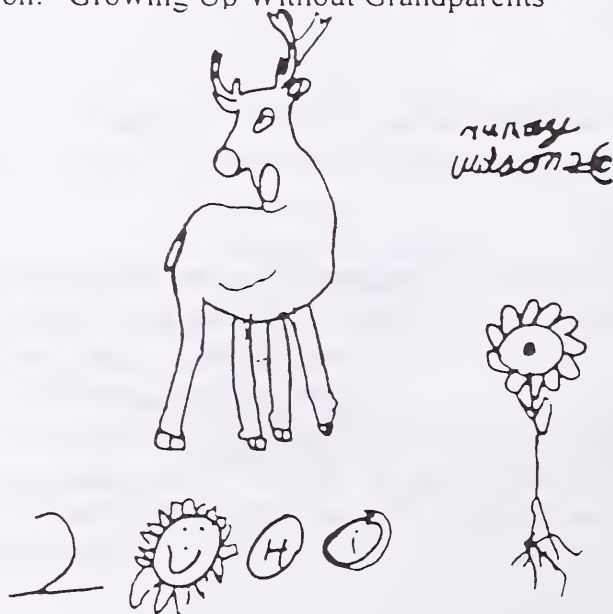
Troy Beaver, Rick Cunningham,
Heather Fegan, Rachael Ouellette

Principal's Awards:

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| Technology Education Award: | Travis Robinson |
| For strength of character and ability to share that with others: | Ben Hegel |
| For determination and success as class orator: | Drew Marrazzo |
| For contribution to class spirit: | Sara Wuebben |
| For consistent, positive attitude: | Larry Runk |
| For consistent, positive attitude: | Justin Osgood |
| For cheerful contribution of help to administrative staff: | Travis Robinson |

The Herbert E. Ward Memorial Essay Contest:

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|--|---------------|
| 1 st – "Y2K – the millennium storm" | Garret Heaton |
| 2 nd – "Homophobia: What are we afraid of?" | Casey Moore |
| 3 rd – "The Moral of the Story" | Jared Malsin |
| 4 th – "Teenage Girls and the Pressure To Be Perfect" | Megan Chapman |
| 5 th – "Cigarettes: Just the Facts" | Troy Beaver |
| Honorable Mention: "Growing Up Without Grandparents" | Alexis Liston |



AWARDS CONFERRED ON THE LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1999

The following are the awards that were presented to Plainfield student graduates at the Lebanon High School Senior Awards Ceremony at the Opera House on Monday, June 14, 1999.

SENIOR CLASS AWARDS - given to the members of the Class of 1999 who have shown the greatest ability and achievement in the following areas:

Art - Danite M. Bonnette; French - Betsy L. Rogers; Technical Education - Scott K. Robinson

RICHARD K. ALLEN CLASS OF 1932 MATHEMATICS AWARD - given to the student who has demonstrated excellence in mathematics in each of four years and who intends to pursue a career in which math is an essential background. The student shall have displayed qualities of good character, including a willingness to help others - Betsy L. Rogers

PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AWARDS PROGRAM - in recognition of academic fitness by achieving a four year accumulative grade point average of 3.67 or higher - Kerry L. Marsh, Betsy L. Rogers, Nathan J. Sharkey

NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN RECOGNITION - given in recognition of outstanding performance as scholar athletes - Emily C. Beaudoin, Amy L. Franklin, Kerry L. Marsh

THE ALTON BROWN MEMORIAL AWARD - given to a senior boy or girl selected in recognition of his/her dedicated service to the school - Cassandra A. Gage

ERLING HEIISTAD "FATHER OF LEBANON SKIING" SENIOR SKI AWARDS - presented to an outstanding woman and man who excelled in skiing, demonstrated good sportsmanship and integrity on and off the slopes, and contribute greatly to the team's morale - Amy L. Franklin

SHARON ANN LINK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS - to recognize one male and one female student each year who have participated in scholastic soccer and have demonstrated achievement in scholarship, citizenship, and sportsmanship - Betsy L. Rogers

DR. BURNHAM MEMORIAL TRACK AWARD - given to a member of the senior class who shows ability, good sportsmanship, and is a credit to the school - Cassandra A. Gage

CINDY BAGLEY SOFTBALL AWARD - given to the senior girl who has excelled in offensive performance and displayed enthusiasm and team spirit, while maintaining at least the class average scholastically - Kerry L. Marsh

L.H.S. BOOSTER CLUB AWARD - given to a senior girl and boy, each of whom has maintained a "C" average overall for four years, has been accepted to a school of any

Awards Conferred on the Class of 1999 - cont.

type to further education, has earned a letter in at least two sports, exhibited spirit on and off athletic fields, shown leadership qualities, exhibited a good attitude and good sportsmanship, and has attended Lebanon High School for two years - Kerry L. Marsh

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS DISTINGUISHED ATHLETE AWARD - Kerry L. Marsh

PRESIDENT'S SERVOCE AWARD/CO-SPONSORED BY GOSS/LOGAN INSURANCE COMPANY - Kerry L. Marsh

U.S. ARMY RESERVE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS - Kerry L. Marsh

LEBANON LIONS CLUB AWARD - Annual Lions Club scholarship to recognize deserving high school graduates - Danita M. Bonnette, Kerry L. Marsh

THE STERLING S. MELENDY MEMORIAL AWARD - given by his family to the senior with the highest grade point average in English and some involvement in athletics - Betsy L. Rogers

NANCY MARIE CLARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD - presented to a member of the graduating class by the family of Nancy Marie Clark, Class of 1984 - Cassandra A. Gage

FREDERICK E. CARVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD - given to a senior going on to post-secondary education - Amy L. Franklin

LEBANON ARTS & CRAFTS ASSOCIATION AWARD - given to a senior who has excelled in the high school art program - Danita M. Bonnette

RIVERSIDE ROTARY CLUB AWARD IN MEMORY OF THOMAS DAUPHINAIS - given to a student who exemplifies truth, fairness and friendship as worthy goals in dealing with others - Paul D. Mathewson

CITIZENS BANK - given to a senior who has expressed interest in enrolling in an institution of higher learning and has demonstrated academic achievement and strong personal character - Danita M. Bonnette

LEBANON ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP - presented to a deserving student(s) pursuing a post secondary degree - Cassandra A Gage

PLAINFIELD P.T.A. AWARD - given to a senior from Plainfield who is going on to post-secondary education - Danita M. Bonnerre, Amy L. Franklin, Kerry L. Marsh, Paul D. Mathewson

ROBOTICS AWARD - Stephen R. Athanas

Awards Conferred on the Class of 1999 - cont.

LEBANON HISTORICAL SOCIETY - given to a deserving student(s) showing enthusiasm for the study of history - Kerry L. Marsh

TRUMBALL-NELSON CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. AWARD - given to a deserving senior pursuing a career in the Construction Industry, Architecture or Engineering - Scott K. Robinson

CITIZENS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION OF AMERICA - given in recognition for community service - Danita M. Bonnette

BEATRICE DOWNES PIERCE SCHOLARSHIPS - presented at graduation to Betsy L. Rogers

VALEDICTORIAN - the member of the Class of 1999 with the highest four-year grade point average - Betsy L. Rogers

LHS HONORS NIGHT

On May 10, 1999, LHS students in grades nine, ten, and eleven were recognized for their academic achievements during 1998-1999. The following are awards presented to Plainfield students.

BOSTON COLLEGE BOOK AWARD - given to a junior who is in the top 10% of the class and exemplifies scholarship, leadership, and achievement - Eric Gattie

HOLY CROSS BOOK AWARD - awarded to a junior who has shown exceptional academic achievement and who has demonstrated, through specific actions, a sincere concern for others - Alysha Heimberg

PERFECT ATTENDANCE - Grade 9 - Adam Gage, Eric Vigneault

HONORS - student has earned at least a C+ in all courses taken and has received a G.P.A. of 3.0 - Grade 9 - Hannah Mathewson, Grian McAllister; Grade 10 - Emily Davis, Tamara Heath, Abigale Marsh; Grade 11 - Jessica Beaver, Hilary Caruso, Alaina Chapman, Alysha Heimberg, Tamsyn Kenyon, Eric McCallister, Kristian McNamara, Amanda Roy, Adam Russo

HIGH HONORS - student has earned at least an A- in all courses taken and a G.P.A. of 3.67 - Grade 9 - Marc Garrie, Benjamin Ladd; Grade 11 - Eric Gattie

MATH TEAM AWARDS - First Place Twin State Math League 1998-1999 Intermediate Division - Marc Gattie, Ben Ladd

Plainfield School District Teachers and Other Professional Staff

| Last Name | First Name | Position | Date of Hire | College |
|-------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|---|
| Adams-Brady | Connie | Secretary to Principal/Co-Ath. Coord. | 12-Aug-96 | Plymouth State College |
| Alves | Joycelyn | Teacher - Gr. 1 | 23-Aug-89 | Practical Nursing, NH Tech. College; B.A. VT College |
| Beaupre | Donna | Media Generalist | 01-Sep-78 | B.Ed., Plymouth State |
| Beaupre | Stephen | Teacher - Gr. 7/8 | 01-Sep-62 | B.Ed., Plymouth State, M.Ed., Plymouth State |
| Cantlin | Mary | Teacher - Gr. 7/8, Tech. Coord. | 23-Aug-92 | B.A., Marietta College; M.Ed., Keene State College |
| Evensen | Edward | Teacher - Music | 03-Jan-94 | B.M., Boston University; M.S., Univ. of NH |
| Forbes | Dawn | Speech/Language Pathologist | 17-Oct-97 | B.A., Western Washington State Univ. & Graduate Study |
| Gosselin | Patricia | Teacher - Remedial Reading | 01-Sep-78 | B.Ed., Plymouth State College |
| Heaton | Karen | School Nurse | 25-Aug-97 | B.S.N., Univ. of Vermont, Health Educator Certification |
| Heistad | Betty Ann | Teacher - Gr. 1 | 26-Aug-85 | B.A., Univ. of NH; M.Ed., Antioch |
| Hills | Frances | Teacher - Gr. 4 | 28-Apr-80 | B.A., Univ. of Vermont; M.Ed., Antioch |
| Johnson | Brenda | Teacher - Gr. 5/6 | 26-Feb-86 | B.A., Syracuse University; M.Ed., Antioch |
| Knight | Laura | Teacher - Gr. 2 | 06-Aug-84 | B.S., Cornell University; M.S., Wheelock College |
| Lanzim | Katherine | Teacher - Sp. Ed. | 01-Nov-86 | B.A., Newark State College |
| Levy | Julie | Spanish - Gr. 5-8 | 27-Aug-96 | B.A., New College of the Univ. of South Florida |
| Long | Joanne | Teacher - Sp. Ed. | 23-Aug-82 | B.S., Kent State Univ., OH; M.Ed., Kent State Univ., OH |
| Lynd | Betsy Rybeck | Teacher - Gr. 2 | 26-Apr-83 | B.S., Bates College; M.S.T., Antioch |
| Maslan | Kathleen | Teacher - Gr. 3 | 08-Nov-99 | B.S., Keene State College |
| McGee | Susan | Teacher - English Gr. 7/8 | 22-May-78 | B.A., Univ. of Connecticut |
| Mellow | Andrew | Principal | 30-Aug-99 | B.S., M.Ed., Univ. of Maine/Orono |
| Morgan | Marty | Co-Athletic Coordinator | 22-Aug-99 | |
| Mortimer | Kathryn | Teacher - Art | 02-Aug-99 | B.A., Univ. of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM |
| Nichols | Jonni | Teacher - Sp. Ed. | 06-Dec-99 | B.S., Keene State College |
| Orrison | Jody | Teacher - Music/Arts Coord. | 25-Aug-98 | B.A., Truman State Univ. & Graduate Study |
| Perkins | Julie | Teacher - Gr. 2 | 02-Jan-78 | B.S., Castleton State College |
| Pushec | Gema | Teacher - Spanish Gr. 5&6 | 02-Aug-99 | |
| Rand | Pauline | Teacher - P.E. Gr. K-4 | 01-Sep-78 | B.S., University of Vermont |
| Reisch | Denis | Teacher - Gr. 7/8 | 27-May-68 | B.A., University of New Hampshire |

Plainfield School District Teachers and Other Professional Staff

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| Last Name | First Name | Position | Date of Hire | College |
|------------|------------|------------------------|--------------|--|
| Robes | Nancy | Teacher – Gr. 4 | 21-Jun-82 | B.S., Iowa State University; M.Ed., Antioch |
| Sanchirico | Paul | Teacher – Gr. 5 | 26-Aug-93 | B.S., Keene State College |
| Sheehan | James | Teacher – Gr. 6 | 07-Mar-94 | B.A., Wesleyan University |
| Taber | Melinda | Teacher – Gr. 3 | 25-Aug-97 | B.S., University of NH, M.Ed., UNH |
| Taylor | William | Facilities Manager | 01-Dec-96 | B.S., Resource Economics, University of New Hampshire |
| Wetmore | Phyllis | Guidance Counselor | 03-Sep-91 | B.A., Morehead State College; M.A., Western Michigan Univ. |
| Woodcock | Mark | Teacher – Kindergarten | 25-Aug-87 | B.A., Towson State University |

Plainfield School District Support Staff

| Last Name | First Name | Position | Date of Hire | College |
|------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|--|
| Bates | Kathleen | Educational Assistant | 29-Aug-94 | B.A., Education, University of New Hampshire |
| Boughton | Carrie | Educational Assistant | 04-Jan-00 | NH Technical College, Claremont, NH |
| Chapin | Emily | Educational Assistant | 08-Sep-98 | Pierce College for Women |
| Daley | Jill | Educational Assistant | 25-Aug-98 | B.A., Psychology, VT College of Norwich University |
| Fleming | William | Custodian/Bus Driver | 03-May-87 | B.A., Psychology/Music, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Antrim, NH, |
| Givens | Elizabeth | Educational Assistant | 01-Jul-99 | M.S., Elem. Ed., So. CT State Univ., New Haven, CT |
| Goodrow | Fawn | Library Aide | 11-Sep-97 | B.S., Computer Science, Merrimack College |
| Milo | Kathy | Educational Assistant | 29-Aug-97 | NH Technical College, Claremont, NH |
| Moore | Annette | School Secretary | 17-Aug-97 | B.A., Admin. Science, Colby College, Waterville, ME |
| Mortillaro | Sandy | Lunch Program Coord. | 30-Aug-99 | Pace University, New York City, NY |
| Olcott | Tara | Educational Assistant | 14-Sep-99 | Lyndon State College, Lyndon, VT |
| Rullo | Dominic | Night Custodian | 26-Oct-98 | |
| Wilbur | Debra | Educational Assistant | 13-Sep-99 | |

Plainfield's Educational Mission

Mission: The mission of education in Plainfield is to: 1) instill knowledge, concepts, and learning skills in an atmosphere that supports and expects academic excellence; 2) build self-confidence, good character, and enthusiasm for lifelong learning; 3) prepare children for productive and fulfilling lives by enabling them to realize their full potential to live and work effectively in an ever-changing world.

Responsibilities

The community is responsible for providing a quality education to children in grades K through 12.

The school is responsible for:

- Stating clearly academic goals and defining a curriculum with high academic standards.
- Teaching with an awareness of individual children's learning styles.
- Emphasizing good character, self-discipline, and interpersonal skills.
- Providing an atmosphere that fosters excitement about learning.
- Offering strong administrative leadership and a high quality staff.
- Respecting the values, authority, and input of parents, as well as the situations of the home environment.
- Encouraging involvement of parents and community members in the life of the school.

The home is responsible for:

- Understanding and reinforcing school curricula.
- Encouraging students to complete homework and to place a high priority on education.
- Ensuring that children arrive at school on time, rested, fed, and ready to learn.
- Respecting the expertise and authority of teachers and staff.

Results

Students should possess a foundation of information, concepts, and learning skills:

- Analytical skills: identifying and formulating problems, researching information, and developing creative solutions.
- Reading, writing, and speaking effectively, with grounding in US. and world literature.
- Mathematics, including the ability to apply quantitative thinking and analysis in daily life.
- Physical, earth, and life sciences, including how these are manifested in everyday phenomena such as the environment, technology, and weather.
- History, geography, government, and the responsibilities of citizenship in local, national, and global contexts.
- Significant exposure to the arts, a foreign language, and the diversity of human culture.
- Effective use of computers for computation and processing information.
- Appreciation of physical and mental health, including avoidance of substance abuse and communicable diseases.

Students should display behaviors that allow them to be productive learners and relate effectively to others:

- Enthusiasm for learning.
- Confidence and self esteem.
- Self-discipline and good work habits, including the ability to listen and take turns.
- Personal integrity and honesty.
- Willingness to take responsibility where appropriate and to follow through once responsibility is assumed.
- Acceptance of, sensitivity to, and compassion for others.

Mutual respect, support, and participation among the community, families, and the school are vital to effectively achieving our mission. Open communication is encouraged, valued, and respected.

INFORMATION DIRECTORY

Police, Fire, Medical Emergencies, Dial 911

POLICE non-emergency 643-2222
FIRE non-emergency 448-1212
CORNISH RESCUE 675-2221
AMBULANCE 675-2221

TOWN OFFICE 469-3201
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL 469-3250
PLAINFIELD HIGHWAY GARAGE 469-3240

TOWN OFFICE HOURS TIMES OF BOARD MEETINGS MERIDEN TOWN HALL FACILITY

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e-mail plainfieldoffice@turbont.net
plainfieldta@turbont.net

| Town Clerk | | Tax Collector | |
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| Monday | 7-8:30pm | Wednesday | 2-4:00pm |
| Wednesday | 2-4:00pm | | 7-8:30pm |
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| SELECTMEN'S OFFICE | 8:00am-4:00pm DAILY |
| BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETINGS | Wednesdays 7:00-9:00pm |
| ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT | 2nd Monday each month 7:30pm |
| PLANNING BOARD | 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 7:00pm |
| CONSERVATION COMMISSION | 2nd Thursday each month 7:30pm |

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| Plainfield Library Hours | Mondays 1:00-5:00/7:00-9:00pm |
| 675-6866 | Wednesdays 1:00-5:00/7:00-9:00pm |
| | Fridays 1:00-5:00pm |
| | Saturdays 9:00-noon |

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| Meriden Library Hours | Mondays 2:00-8:00pm |
| 469-3252 | Tuesdays 10:00-noon/2:00-6:00pm |
| | Thursdays 10:00-noon/2:00-6:00pm |
| | Saturdays 10:00-1:00pm |

